



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY



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Notable Information

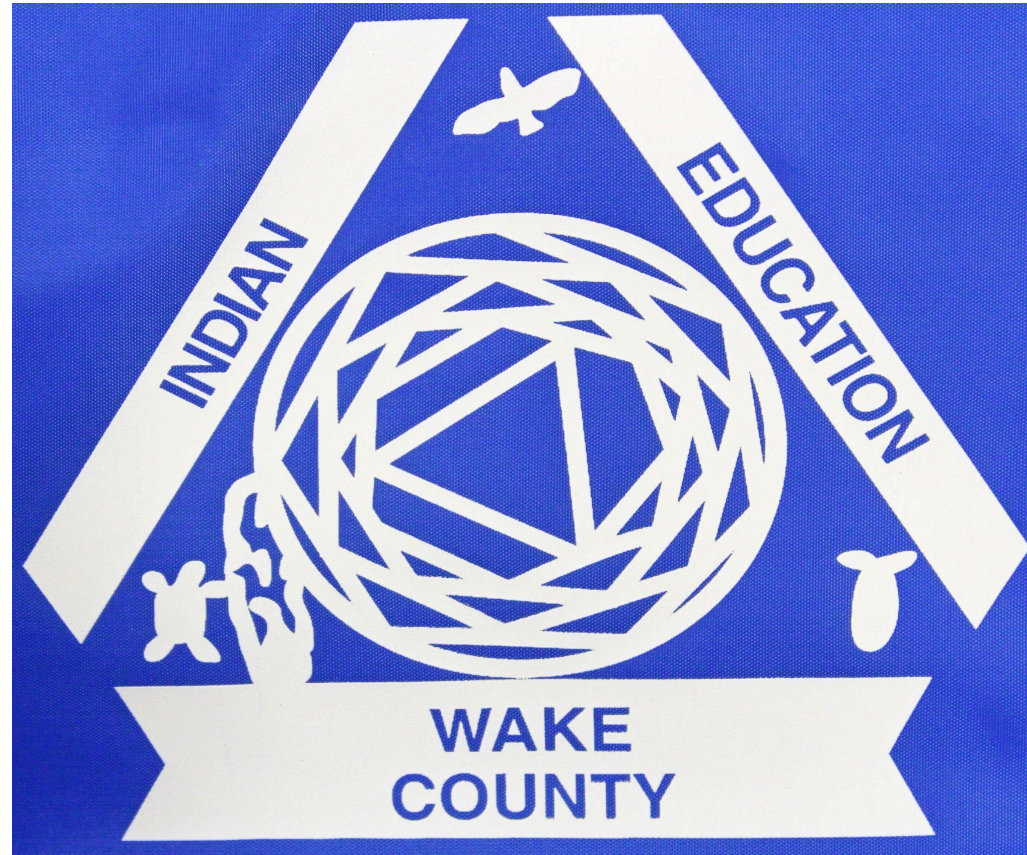
- ❑ The number of Indigenous people in the United States is estimated at between 2.5 and 6 million, of which around 20% live in American Indian areas or Alaska Native villages.
- ❑ California has the largest Native population; New York is the city with the largest Native population.
- ❑ 2021 marked the first time a U.S. president officially recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- ❑ Oct. 10th is a day to honor Indigenous people, their resilience, and their contributions to American society throughout history,, even as they faced assimilation, discrimination, and genocide spanning generations.



Indian Education Grant Program

- ❑ Federal grant funds are used to develop programming designed to address the unique cultural, language, and academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students, including preschool students.
- ❑ Funds supplement the regular school program by:
 - ❑ Helping students sharpen their academic skills
 - ❑ Assist students in becoming proficient in the core content areas
 - ❑ Provide students an opportunity to participate in enrichment programs that would otherwise be unavailable
 - ❑ Support activities such as culturally-responsive after-school programs, Native language classes, early childhood education, tutoring, and dropout prevention
- ❑ The WCPSS K-12 Instructional Supports Team has an Indian Education Program Coordinator who helps to ensure that programming is relevant, effective, and impactful. The Coordinator works closely with the Wake County Indian Education Parent Committee.

James D. (JD) Freeman, Vice President, Indian Education Parent Committee





Available Resources and Opportunities

Elementary Instructional Resources

K-3 Indigenous Peoples' Day Resources

Grades 4th and 5th only

Secondary Instructional Resources

Middle School Slide Deck & [Lesson Plan](#)

High School Slide Deck & [Lesson Plan](#)

[**Attend American Indian Celebrations**](#)



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