

# Native Education State Profiles

## Florida



### Report Summary

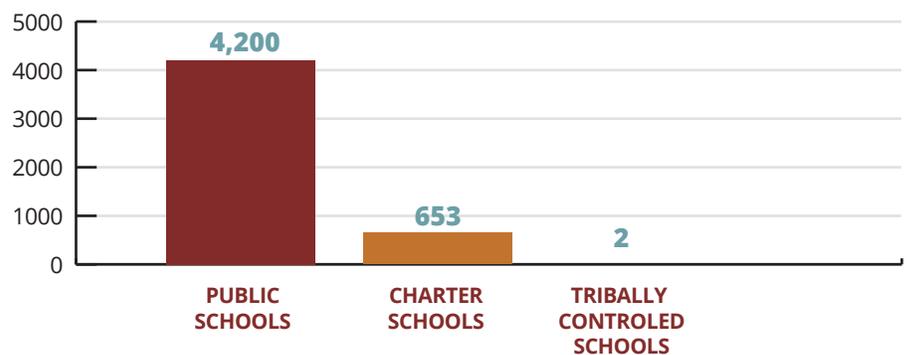
The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides tribes and states an important opportunity to advance tribal sovereignty and create positive and inclusive learning environments for Native students. Schools and Native communities must collaborate to ensure students are college, career, and community ready. As the only national organization advocating for improved educational opportunities for Native students, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) supports and builds partnerships between Native and allied stakeholders that provide opportunities for Native students to thrive in the classroom and beyond. This state profile is available to NIEA membership, tribal leadership, educators, and allies to provide important information and highlight available resources that may be of assistance in advocacy work.

### State Leadership

<b>Rick Scott</b> <i>Governor</i>	Appoints members of the State Board of Education.
<b>Pam Stewart</b> <i>Commissioner of Education</i>	The Chief State School Officer is appointed by the State Board of Education.
<b>Ann Whitney</b> <i>Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support, Director</i>	The Director of Standards is appointed by the Commissioner of Education and serves as the primary contact for Native Education.

### District Snapshot

Number of School Districts: 76



### Where Do Native Students Attend School?



**PUBLIC**  
9,031 students

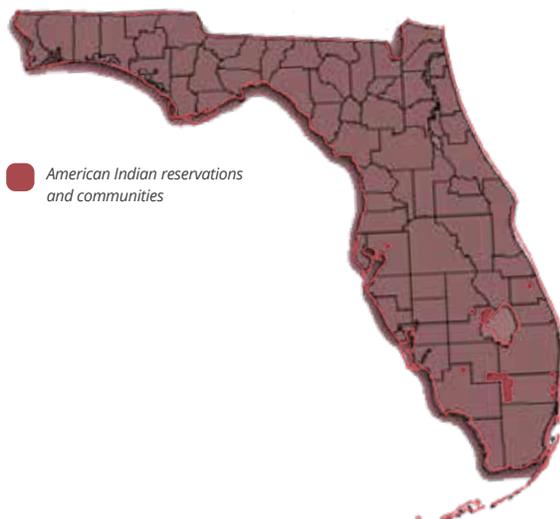


**CHARTER**  
357 students



**TRIBALLY CONTROLLED**  
357 students

### Florida School Districts



	Student Enrollment <sup>b</sup>	Student Enrollment <sup>b</sup>
<b>Native</b>	10,128	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	2,852,290	100%

### Federally Recognized Tribes

- Miccosukee Tribe of Indians
- Seminole Tribe of Florida



# Florida State Native Education Legislation

1982	1993	1996	2015	2016
Florida establishes the Seminole and Miccosukee Indian Scholarships to support Native post-secondary education.	Legislators confirm the power of tribes to govern education for tribal members and contract with school districts.	Florida establishes the Minority Teacher Scholarship Fund to encourage minority students to become educators.	The Miccosukee Tribe receives a waiver from the federal government to define average yearly progress under NCLB.	Florida begins to develop a state plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act within the state.

## Equal Opportunities

National Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools <sup>g</sup>	75	13	10	38	6
Students with Disabilities <sup>h</sup>	17	15	12	13	6
Children in Poverty <sup>i</sup>	34	36	31	12	13
Full-Time Teachers <sup>l</sup>	0.5	7	7	84	2
High School Graduation Rate <sup>a</sup>	70	73	76	87	89

Florida Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools	9	4	2	7	2
Students with Disabilities <sup>l</sup>	14	15	13	13	7
Children in Poverty <sup>f</sup>	*	36	28	14	12
Full-Time Teachers <sup>l</sup>	0.1	14	15	71	1
High School Graduation Rate <sup>a</sup>	74	65	75	82	89

## Engage

### ESSA Working Groups



Find out more about how Florida is fulfilling ESSA requirements through its work on accountability, assessment, teacher quality, English learners, and school improvement.



**Website:** [fldoe.org/academics/essa.html](http://fldoe.org/academics/essa.html)  
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## Florida Student Profile

### Young Children

**46%**

of the American Indian and Alaska Native population is under the age of 19.<sup>c</sup>

**12%**

of American Indian children in Florida are between the ages of 0-5.<sup>f</sup>

### Higher Education

**0**

Tribal Colleges serve Native students in Florida.<sup>e</sup>

**11%**

of American Indians in Florida have a Bachelors degree or higher.<sup>c</sup>

### Community

**24%**

of American Indians in Florida consume at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day.<sup>d</sup>

**24%**

of Native students in Florida considered suicide during the 2014-2015 school year.<sup>f</sup>

### NAEP% Proficiency or Higher

	4th Grade Reading <sup>j</sup>	8th Grade Math <sup>j</sup>
Florida Native	*	*
Florida	38	26
United States	36	33

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\* Indicates too few respondents for statistical significance.

