

INTRODUCTION

This brief was written to share basic information about the Native population at Portland Public Schools (PPS). Understanding the population will help us to better meet their needs, which is critical to closing the achievement gap affecting Native American Students across both

According to the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB), “American Indian or Alaska Native refers to a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment. This includes people who mark the ‘American Indian or Alaska Native’ (AIAN) checkbox category.”

Native American Students at a Glance

The size of the Native American population in PPS is likely to be underreported. In the National census data on Native Americans, 43.8% of this population reports that they are Native and an additional race. In PPS, students and their families select their race as Native American on their registration forms. These forms also allow students to select that they are "multiracial". If a student elects to identify as "multiracial" they would no longer be counted as Native American in the data. If a student identifies themselves as Hispanic and Native on their registration form, they are only counted as Hispanic. To the right is a graphic illustration of this problem.

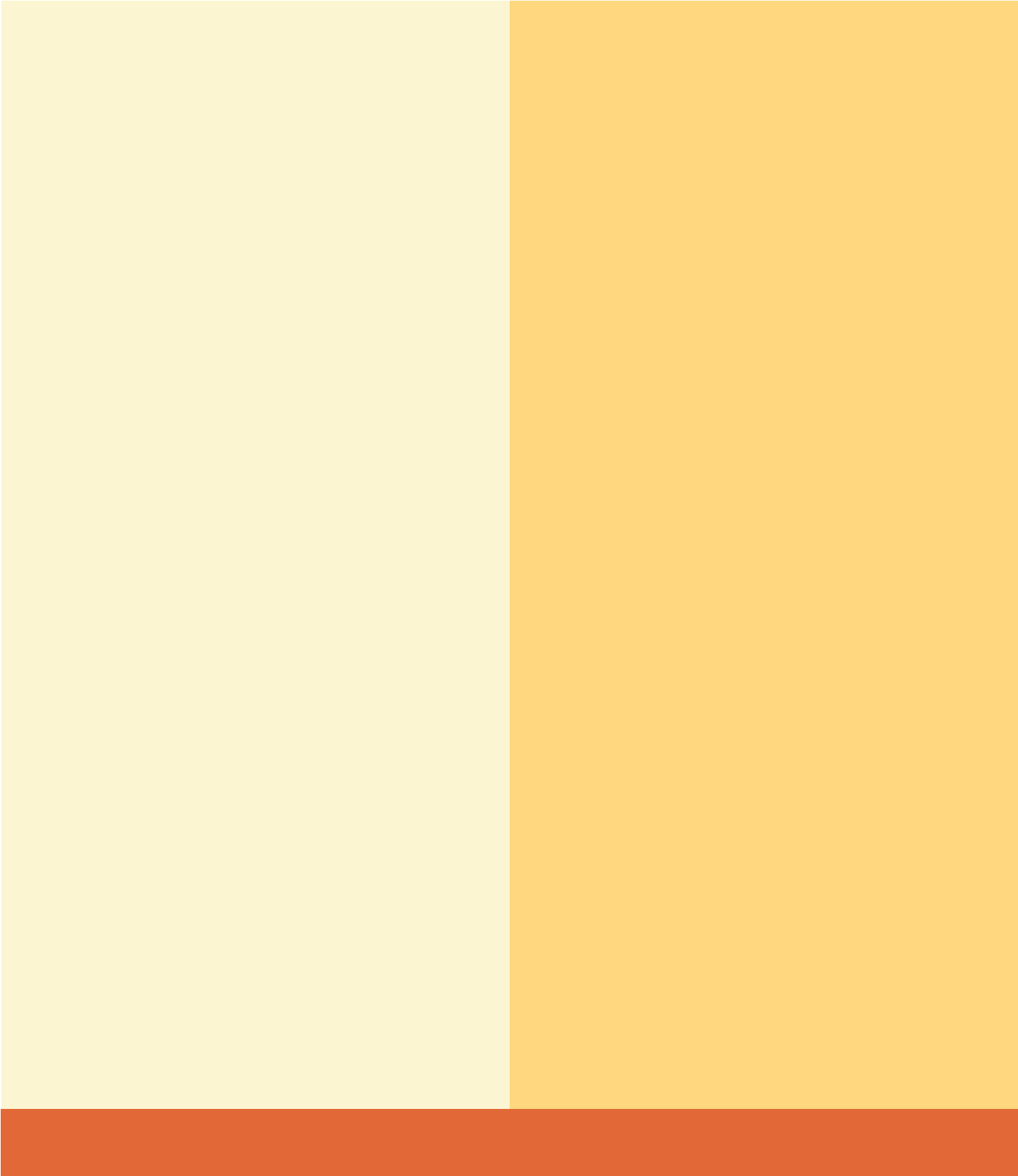
Students who identify as Native American racially may or may not also be identified as a Title VII documented person of Native American ancestry.



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Our PPS Native American student community is over 900 students. While there are Native American students present across the district, the top schools with a Native American population are:





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