

\$1.2 million grant supports Indian education

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The Minneapolis Public School district was awarded one of nine demonstration grants for American Indian children by the United States Department of Education in the amount of \$1.2 million over four years.

The grant will fund an individualized mentoring program, College PREP (Personalized Resources and Education Pathways), which was established by the MPS Indian Education department and a consortium of American Indian community organizations.

The program will provide all American Indian ninth-grade students from each MPS high school and alternative school with one-on-one academic mentoring support, including an individualized support plan, specific to each student. In total, approximately 105 students will be served. Mentors will provide referrals to culturally relevant education services and monitor student progress to keep them on track toward post-secondary enrollment and success.

“These grants are extremely competitive and we are honored that the Minneapolis Public School was selected as a recipient,” Danielle Grant, Director of Indian Education at MPS, said. “We believe that the College PREP program will serve as an exciting opportunity which will inspire and increase the academic success of American Indian students in our district.”

MPS Indian Education will contract with four lead agencies—MIGIZI Communications, Division of Indian Work, Little Earth and Minneapolis American Indian Center – to provide mentoring services to a cohort of students from January 2011 through their high school graduation in 2014.