TRIBAL EDUCATION CODES

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Tribal Education Governance Today

- @ 200 TEAs in 32 states

- @ 20 Codes
Indian Self-Determination Act (1984)

The Secretary [of the Interior] may approve applications for funding tribal divisions of education and developing tribal codes of education, from funds made available pursuant to . . . this title.

25 U.S.C. § 2010(c)
Department of the Interior (1988)

Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall make grants and provide technical assistance to tribes for the development and operation of tribal departments or divisions of education for the purpose of planning and coordinating all educational programs of the tribe.


**FY 2016 Appropriations @ $2 million**
Department of Education (1994)

The Secretary may award grants
- to Indian tribes, and tribal organizations approved by Indian tribes, to plan and develop tribal education agencies;
- and to Indian tribes to administer education programs; build capacity to administer and coordinate such programs; receive training and support from SEAs and LEAs; train and support SEAs and LEAs; build on existing activities or resources; and carry out other activities.

20 U.S.C. § 7452

No Appropriations
Department of Education

- FY 2012
- State-Tribal Education Partnership Program
Department of the Interior

- FY 2014
- Sovereignty in Indian Education Program
- http://bie.edu/Programs/Sovereignty/index.htm
Education Governance Generally

- Authority
- Requirements & procedures
- Expectations
Education Governance by States

- Structure & Authority
- Policies & Procedures
- Curriculum
- Finance & Funding
- Staffing & Personnel
1994 Red Book

http://www.narf.org/tribalizing-education
Code Development
Overall Guidelines

- Priorities
- Process
- Implementation Plan
To get to Priorities, Inventory Existing Structures

- Tribal Education Committee
  - Other Councils, Committees, Commissions

- Tribal Education Department or Agency
  - Other directors, personnel

- Tribal Laws
To get to Priorities, 
Inventory of Existing Education

- Student populations
- Schools
- Programs
- Other entities
To get to Priorities,
Inventory of Existing Education Information

- Data
- Reports
- Other
To get to Priorities,
Identify Needs and Goals

- Process
- Priorities
- Document
Priorities: Suggested Inclusions

- Priority areas
- Structure
- Coordination & Monitoring
- Data keeping & Reporting requirements
Code Development

- Drafting
- Review
- Stakeholder buy-in
- Decision-maker buy-in & understanding
Code Development: Adoption Formalities

- Hearings
- Adoption
- Publication
Code Implementation

- Administrative / regulatory structure
- Enforcement
- Cooperative Agreements
- Resources