

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated**Title 31: Heritage and Culture****Chapter 1: General Provisions****§ 104. Education**

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Cherokee Nation promotes the use of both the Cherokee and English languages to the fullest extent possible within tribal, local, state and federal educational institutions, agencies and programs. It is therefore the policy of the Cherokee Nation:

1. To work with all schools, state and federal agencies and others to encourage that those schools which serve large percentages of Cherokee students adequately and fairly represent the language, history and culture of the tribe in the instructional, administrative and social processes of the school.
2. To the greatest extent possible within budgetary limitations, provide summer, evening, weekend and other tribal programs, for instruction of children and adults who have an interest in cultural education.
3. To provide instruction in Cherokee language at the preschool level in programs operated by Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.
4. To recognize certain tribal elders and talented tribal citizens as knowledgeable in the culture, language, history and related skills of Cherokee Nation. These people may be recognized as "Eminent Persons" who may be employed in positions related to culture, language and history and may be paid for their educational services.
5. To oppose biased, stereotypic and/or derogatory depiction of Cherokees or American Indians within education institutions or wherever such representations which work to lower the self-esteem of Cherokee youth may be found.

Historical Data

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