

California Education Code

Section 44262.5

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- (a) Upon recommendation of the tribal government of a federally recognized Indian tribe in California, the commission shall issue an American Indian languages credential to a candidate who has met the following requirements:

- (1) Demonstrated fluency in that tribe's language based on an assessment developed and administered by that federally recognized Indian tribe pursuant to subdivision (e).
- (2) Successfully completed a criminal background check conducted under Sections 44339, 44340, and 44341 for credentialing purposes.
- (3) Submitted an application, fee, and recommendation for the credential to the commission through the federally recognized Indian tribe.

- (b) The American Indian languages credential shall authorize the holder to teach the American Indian language for which the credential was issued in California public schools in preschool, kindergarten, grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and in adult education courses.

- (c) The holder of an American Indian languages

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44257.4	credential who does not also have a valid
44258	teaching credential issued by the State of
44258.1	California shall not teach in a public school,
44258.2	including a charter school, any subject other
44258.3	than the American Indian language for which he
44258.7	or she is credentialed.
44258.9	(d) Each American Indian languages credential shall
44258.15	be issued initially for a two-year period and may
44259	be renewed for a three-year period upon
44259.1	recommendation of the tribal government.
44259.2	Upon completion of the three-year period, the
44259.3	holder of an American Indian languages
44259.5	credential shall be eligible for a clear teaching
44260	credential for that language upon application
44260.1	and the recommendation of the tribal
44260.2	government, in consultation with the applicant's
44260.3	public school employer.
44260.4	(e) (1) Each federally recognized American Indian
44260.5	tribe is encouraged to develop a written and oral
44260.6	assessment that should be successfully
44260.7	completed before an applicant is recommended
44260.9	for an American Indian languages credential.
44261	(2) In developing the language assessment, an
44261.2	Indian tribe should determine all of the
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44262.5	(A) Which dialects of the tribal language
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44264	(B) Whether the Indian tribe will
44265	standardize its writing system.
44265.1	(C) The standard of knowledge and
44265.2	fluency required to qualify for an
44265.3	American Indian languages credential
	in that tribal language.
	(D) Standards for effective teaching
	methods to be evaluated in the

44265.5	classroom.
44265.6	(3) The assessment should be administered at an appropriate location that does not create hardship for members of the Indian tribe administering the assessment.
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44267	(f) Upon agreement by the tribe, a tribe recommending a candidate for an American Indian languages credential shall develop and administer a technical assistance program guided by the California Standards for the Teaching Profession. To the extent feasible, the program shall be offered by teachers credentialed in an American Indian language who have three or more years of teaching experience. The technical assistance program may consist of direct classroom observation and consultation, assistance in instructional planning and preparation, support in implementation and delivery of classroom instruction, and other assistance intended to enhance the professional performance and development of the American Indian language teacher.
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44274.4	(g) Public school personnel responsible for evaluating teachers, in accordance with local governing board policy, shall provide individuals employed to teach on the basis of the American Indian languages credential with information on the teaching personnel evaluation process and the California Standards for the Teaching Profession.
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