

BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION
Shutdown Fact Sheet
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The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is entrusted to provide quality education opportunities from early childhood through life in accordance with a tribe's needs for cultural and economic well-being, in keeping with the wide diversity of Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages as distinct cultural and governmental entities. The BIE considers the whole person by taking into account the spiritual, mental, physical, and cultural aspects of the individual within his or her family and tribal or village context. The Bureau of Indian Education oversees 58 Bureau operated elementary/secondary schools, Two Post-Secondary Institutions and provides technical assistance to 125 tribally controlled elementary/secondary schools and 27 tribally controlled community colleges.

Funding for school operations is forward funded. Bureau of Indian Education funds are also available to sustain operations throughout the 2013-2014 School Year. The Department of Education has provided funds for the period July 01, 2013 through June 30, 2014. These funds and BIE funds will be used to maintain operations of education programs during a lapse of appropriations.

Services that will remain operational:

- All BIE funded schools, including Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, will remain open.
- BIE will maintain staff required to provide a safe and secure environment for students in all schools.
- BIE will ensure all resources and capabilities to support school operations, facilities and communications infrastructure are in place.
- Transportation and maintenance of schools will continue.
- Contracted schools operations are forward funded and will remain open.