

Education

Public School Facilities:

There are six public school districts within the Reservation, a Tribally controlled Bureau of Indian Affairs' school (Circle of Life), a Tribally controlled state school (Pine Point) and a private school (St. Michael's). Student enrollment at the Circle of Life School is 100% Native American. Table 1 lists the schools serving the Reservation and the fall 1999 enrollment levels.

Table 1: K-12 Education

District	School Name	Grades	School Type	Total Enrollment
Bagley	Bagley Elementary	K-6	Public	58
	Bagley Secondary	7-12		566
Detroit Lakes	Callaway Elementary	K-5	Public	110
Fosston	Magelssen Elementary	K-6	Public	361
	Fosston Secondary	7-12		348
Mahnomen	Mahnomen Elementary	K-6	Public	248
	Mahnomen Secondary	7-12	Public	379
	Mahnomen ALC	7-12	Public	100
	Naytahwaush Elementary	K-6	Public	146
	St. Michael's	K-6	Private	75
Park Rapids	Park Rapids Senior High	9-12	Public	650
Pine Point	Pine Point Elementary	K-8	Public	55
Tribal	Circle of Life	K-12	Tribal	162
Wauban	Wauban Elementary	K-6	Public	215
	Wauban Secondary	7-12		296
	Ogema Elementary	K-5		126

Source: Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning. Circle of Life School

All of the school districts present on the Reservation offer pre-school through grade 12 education, special education and alternative education services.

The Bagley, Mahnomen and Waubun school districts serve a large majority of the Native American students living on the Reservation. Students are evenly distributed between the three districts.

The 1993 dropout rates for the seven public schools on or near the Reservation are as follows: 9th grade - 19.3%, 10th grade - 27%, 11th grade - 25.6%, 12th grade - 29%. Nationally in 1995, the dropout rate was 36% for Native American students.

Residents of the White Earth Reservation also have access to a wide variety of higher education opportunities. Liberal arts colleges located within 75 miles include: Moorhead State University, Concordia College, the University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University, Bemidji State University, and the University of Minnesota-Crookston. The White Earth Reservation Tribal Council operates the White Earth Tribal and Community College. In addition, technical colleges are located throughout the area through the Northwest Technical College system. The closest of

these technical colleges is located in Detroit Lakes, within 30 miles of the Reservation. General job training is available through a variety of sources, including Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program, area extension services, local community education programs and, in some cases, local school districts.

Educational Attainment

According to the 1990 Census, 65.2% of Reservation residents has a high school diploma or higher, with 8.7% of the population having a bachelor's degree or higher.