SELF-STUDY

VII. SELF-STUDY

During the candidacy stage, the school community is involved in completing a comprehensive examination of school operations. The activities, resources, curriculum, and services of the school are examined with respect to the school's written mission statement and compliance with the COSA Accreditation Standards. The self-study is conducted using a COSA approved evaluation instrument with guidance from the managing commission office and the assigned team chairperson.

The self-study is a developmental journey for the school community. The school is encouraged to evaluate itself by seeking opinions from all stakeholders of the community, including staff, parents, students, and leaders. In coming together to examine the information (data) discovered through self-study, the school community strengthens internal relationships and develops a clear understanding of what the school says it does versus what it actually does. The school uses the findings of the self-study to develop an improvement plan.

The result is a self-study report, a paper document that provides a reader, who is unfamiliar with the school, with a comprehensive understanding of the school. The self-study report addresses each of the COSA Accreditation Standards and presents explanation and evidence on how each standard is met through the school operations.

Commission representatives are available throughout the process for guidance and clarification. Schools may use outside consultant services during the self-study; however, school personnel <u>must</u> conduct the self-study. Those not associated with the school should not do the self-study. COSA will not accept a self-study that is not the work of a representative body of school staff. Remember, the full value lies in the process and that value is best realized when the school community is immersed in the self-study.

Schools seeking COSA accreditation must use a current edition of a self-study instrument that has been approved by COSA.

Self-Study Template

Use in Accreditation Protocols Conducted by The Commission for Oceti Sakowin Accreditation

School Name Address Phone Number Fax Number Email and Website Address Name and Title of School Leader

Part 1: Beliefs/Mission/Vision

State the written set of beliefs or shared values and the mission statement of the school.

Part 2: School and Community Profile

1. The School

1.1	When was the school established?	Date
1.2	Indicate (☑) the school's legal status	Tribal School
	Grant School	BIE Operated School
	Private School	Local Education Agency
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- 1.3 Describe how the school came into being and its history.
- 1.4 Describe the attendance area assigned to the school or attendance area, indicating the relevant economic or cultural characteristics of the students.
- 1.5 Describe or give a copy of the schedule of the days, hours of operation, and months that the school is in operation.
- 1.6 Describe and provide evidence as to how the school is adequately financed and how money is budgeted to assure consistency and stability of quality services.
- 1.7 Describe how the school meets local and state requirements to operate as a legal school.
- 1.8 Describe the training provided by the school and any other training provided to the staff that applies specifically to the school operations.
- Using the headings provided, please provide information about all staff members. For "Percentage of Employment" – Full-time equals 100%

				Years of		When
		% of		teaching	License and	certificate
Name	Position	Employment	Degree(s)	experience	Certification	expires

- 1.10 Describe how the school advertises its services.
- 1.11 Does the school have multiple assessments for its students? If yes, please list the assessment instruments.
- Yes No
- 1.12 What is the drop-out rate for grades 8-12, for the last 3 years?

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1.13 Please indicate by grade/age levels or program areas the number of students enrolled over the past five years and this year. (Note: If school has been operating less than five years, go back only the number of years the school has been operating.)

Grade/Age/ PROGRAM	5 Years Ago	4 Years Ago	3 Years Ago	2 Years Ago	l Year Ago	Current Year
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- 1.14 What percentage of students enrolled at the beginning of the school year complete the year at this school? ____%
- 1.15 List the current student to staff ratio.

Age or grade Level	Current	Number of	Number of	Student: Staff
Level	Enrollment	Teachers	Assistants	Ratio
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- 1.16 With what community, business, civic, or charitable institutions has the school joined or formed an affiliation? Please describe.
- 1.17 What does the school do (or what plans does it have) to follow-up on the students who have completed the program?
- 1.18 What does the staff of the school believe to be the general strengths of the school?
- 1.19 In what general ways does the staff believe the school needs to improve?
- 1.20 What are the short-term (i.e. one to three years) goals of the school?
- 1.21 What are the long-range (i.e. four to six years) goals of the school?

2. Relationships

- 2.1 Describe the kinds of support the school regularly (annually) recieves from the Tribe or Tribal entities and/or other schools in the area for the following areas.
 - 2.1.1 Training and Development
 - 2.1.2 Advice and Vision
 - 2.1.3 Management Support
 - 2.1.4 Materials
 - 2.1.5 Public Relations
- 2.2 When was the school's most recent quality review? Date______ Summarize the results and any follow-up.
- 2.3 Describe the nature and frequency of discussions/planning among teachers, staff, administrator, and tribes.
- 2.4 How often and under what circumstances do school staff members interact with the staff members of other schools that serve Native American students? Please describe.
- 2.5 List the educational institutions in the school's area with which the school has a working relationship. Briefly describe the relationship.
 Name of Institution Description of Relationship
- 2.6 How often and in what ways does the school report to its parents?
 - 2.6.1 Academic Progress
 - 2.6.2 Educational Issues
 - 2.6.3 Financial/Other
- 2.7 What do the school staff members perceive as the strengths of the school's relationship with students?
- 2.8 In what ways can the relationship with the students and/or parents be improved?
- 2.9 Describe the relationship between the school and its former students and/or their families.
- 2.10 To what associations or groups of professional educators does the school (or its staff members) belong? Please describe.

- 2.11 Do staff members participate in national or regional professional associations? Please describe.
- 2.12 Are school facilities or resources used for cultural education within the community? Please describe.
- 2.13 What do the school staff members perceive as the strengths of the school's relationship with the community and other educational institutions?
- 2.14 What aspects of the relationships between the school and community and other educational institutions are in need of improvement?

3. Education Services

- 3.1 Describe the educational program.
- 3.2 What do the school's beliefs or mission say about:
 - 3.2.1 Staff relationship with students? (Cite evidence that the relationship is in effect.)
 - 3.2.2 Methods of instruction?
 - 3.2.3 Curricula?
 - 3.2.4 Success of the students
 - 3.2.5 Monitoring or reporting progress?
 - 3.3.6 Motivation of students?
 - 3.3.7 Counseling (or advising) students and parents?
- 3.3 Describe the type of instructional resources available to staff?
- 3.4 Describe the library and media resources and their availability to students?
- 3.5 Describe the technology resources and their availability to students and staff?
- 3.6 Does the school evaluate or assess its programs? Cite the results of the evaluation to improve its program for students and parents.
- 3.7 Cite evidence on how the school works to improve the educational services it provides to students and their parents.
- 3.8 Cite evidence that there are written goals and objectives for each student.
- 3.9 Accreditation standards require that all instructional staff have full understanding of and competence in the philosophy and methods of the school. Cite evidence of how this standard is met.
- 3.10 Accreditation standards require provisions for the continuous professional development of the staff members. Cite evidence of how this standard is met.
- 3.11 Accreditation standards require a complete set of records be kept on all students from the point of admission through completion of the program and any follow-up. Cite evidence of how this standard is met.
- 3.12 Accreditation standards require that each school have a written code of conduct for students. Cite evidence of how this standard is met.
- 3.13 Accreditation requires that print, software, and other supporting materials be on hand to supplement and support the students' in their programs. Cite evidence of how this standard is met.

- 3.14 What is the strength of the school's educational programs?
- 3.15 In what areas is student performance strongest? Cite specific assessment evidence.
- 3.16 In what ways are the school's programs in need of improvement? Cite objectives, goals, or targets that the school has designed to improve its programs and student academic performance.

Part 3: Documenting Student Progress and Analyzing Organizational and Teaching Effectiveness

- 1. Describe the methods used to document student academic and developmental progress and explain how this information is shared with parents.
- 2. Analyze the strengths and limitations of student progress.
- 3. Analyze the strengths and limitations of organizational and teaching effectiveness.

Part 4: Organizational and Curriculum Alignment

- 1. Identify the gap between present performance and desired results for student learning.
- 2. Describe the process of curriculum alignment and assessment.

Part 5: School Improvement Action Plan

- 1. List short- and long-range improvement goals.
- 2. Identify plans to achieve goals, including methods of evaluation.

Part 6: Implementing the School Improvement Action Plan and Documenting Results

- 1. Describe the methods that will be used to implement the improvement plan and monitor progress toward meeting the goals.
- 2. At the end of the evaluation cycle the school staff must show evidence of progress concerning the implementation of the action plans in Part 5.

Part 7: Standards Checklist

Standard I: Legal Status and Financial Adequacy
Met Not Met

Standard 2: Educational Services and Education Personnel

Standard 3: School Improvement and Development Met Not Met

Standard 4: Cultural Relevance

Standard 5: Management and Supervision

Met Not Met

Standard 6: Student Attendance/Conduct/Records/Counseling

Standard 7: Communications/Relationships/Safety/Media

Additional Comments:

Standards Checklist - Early Childhood Education

Standard I: Social and Emotional Development

Standard 2: Language and Literacy Development
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Standard 3: Mathematical Thinking and Expression

Standard 4: Scientific Thinking and Technology

Standard 5: Social Studies Thinking

Standard 6: Creative Thinking and Expression Met Not Met

Standard 7: Health, Wellness, and Physical Development

Additional Comments:

SELF-STUDY - STANDARDS CHECKLIST

1. LEGAL STATUS and FINANCIAL ADEQUACY

The legal status of the school is clearly defined and the school is approved for its operations by the tribal governing body within whose jurisdiction it is located. The school is adequately financed. Levels of income and expenditure are in reasonable balance. Overall financial resources are sufficient to assure the continuity and stability of services. Debt service or lines of credit are managed in such ways as to assure school governance/policy remains under the control of school authority.

1.1 All documents that define and describe the legal status of the school are on-site and readily available. (i.e., articles of incorporation, charter, by-laws, proprietary registration, partnership agreement, contracts, etc.)

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1.2 There is a charter, tribal resolution, contract, license, or permit issued by the tribal governing body that indicates the schools governing body has the authority to operate within that jurisdiction.

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1.3 There is identified access to legal counsel qualified to advise the school in its legal status, rights, and responsibilities in the jurisdiction and in regard to other public or private contractual agreements.

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1.4 Documents that define and describe pending or current legal proceedings are available for examination. (Public documents only; attorney/client correspondence is privileged.)

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1.5 The school conducts no regular business activity that is outside the corporate or civil sanctions established by its legal status and the school has a governing or advisory body that provides advice and assistance to the school.

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1.6 The Educational Leader (i.e. Superintendent, Principal, etc.) is given the authority to make administrative decisions without undue interference from parents, community, staff or the Board.

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1.7 The accounts of the school are maintained in accordance with accepted accounting procedures and are audited annually. The report of the annual audit is on-site and available to evaluators. Any concerns regarding un-allowed costs have documented abatement plans to resolve the issue. Audits are submitted annually to

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1.8 The income from all regular sources appears sufficient to support all regular expenditures.

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1.9 Financial institutions that have loaned money to the school or have credit extended to the school derive no control of school governance/policy from the loan or the credit agreement.

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1.10 Evaluators have access to a balance sheet that describes the overall financial operations and financial condition of the school.

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2. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES and EDUCATION PERSONNEL

The educational mission of the school is clearly documented and supported by school, staff, and administration. The curriculum is well-defined and rigorous. Methods and materials are professionally sanctioned and instruction is in groups of a size that encourages and permits the effective treatment of individual differences. An effective program for students provides a balance of educational experiences which actively involves each child in learning activities, is based on knowledge of human growth and development, and relies on sound learning principles. The school presents convincing demonstration that each member of its educational and administrative staff is fully qualified to perform the duties assigned. The school evaluates the performance of each member of its staff and provides appropriate interventions, consultation and guidance. School personnel will adhere to all background requirements.

2.1 There is a written statement of mission, philosophy, values, outcomes and goals which has been developed by the community and staff of the school; it is annually reviewed and is available to the public.

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2.2 The curriculum is defined by scope and sequence or other similar progressive processes. There are content standards, performance standards, and benchmarks at specific exit levels. Positive methods of motivation are used. There is evidence of cultural integration in all content areas.

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2.3 Materials and methods of instruction are consistent with the mission, philosophy,

values and goals of the curriculum and of the school. Instructional methods and materials reflect the culture of the tribal community.

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2.4 The school meets the requirements for a program of learning which leads to a diploma or other form of completion and preparation for the next level of learning/life.
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2.5 There is a continuous professional development plan for staff including an implementation phase.

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2.7 All teaching employees have a credential or certification from a state, meet regional accrediting standards, meet national or federal standards or regulations, or, in specialty areas such as art or tribal languages, have a portfolio of educational, personal, or professional evidence that reveals they are fully qualified to perform the duties assigned to them.

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2.8 The educational leadership in charge of the school evaluate the professional performance of each member of the staff and results of the evaluation are privately shared with persons evaluated, with appropriate counseling and plans of assistance, as needed.

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2.9 The school conducts yearly staff evaluations and maintains confidentiality of individual staff evaluations.

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2.10 Staff members are in sufficient number as to effectively perform all educational and administrative functions of the school. No staff member is regularly overloaded. ())) (() (Marginally Not Presently Fully Cannot Be Met Met Met Met

2.11 All school personnel will follow and adhere to federal and tribal background requirements upon employment to be renewed every five (5) years.

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3. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

The school staff conducts a collegial self-study followed by an external peer review and action plan. The school maintains a disciplined knowledge of its future with projections of income, expense, enrollment, special populations, and trends in which the school operates. The school maintains long-range planning (or strategic planning) documents which reveals how it will maintain continuous improvement. The plan is distributed to the community.

The school has conducted a self-study that successfully defines its philosophy, mission, values, student outcomes, and goals.
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3.2 The self-study contains self-evaluations that identify strengths and areas for improvement. The self-study is (in general) confirmed by a team of evaluators using peer review procedures.

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3.3 The school maintains projections that reveal trends and tendencies underway in its various sub-systems including income, expense, enrollment, and special populations.
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3.4 The school has a plan for its future that indicates goals, needed resources based on data analysis, and identifies those responsible for their accomplishment.

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3.5 The school shows evidence of regular monitoring of the School Improvement Plan.
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2.1 The school will distribute school improvement and other plans to the community.

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4. CULTURAL RELEVANCE

The learning climate reflects a positive cultural image. Specific tribal culture, history, and language are integrated into the curriculum. Community members and tribal elders contribute to classroom instruction. Tribal language and customs are valued. School staff are given training to increase their understanding of tribal culture and values. The school offers cultural sensitivity professional development to staff.

4.1 The physical appearance of the school reflects the tribal culture and a cultural

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4.7	Tribal members make (() ^{Fully} Met	up an equitable portion c () Marginally Met	of certified staff. () Not Presently Met	() Cannot Be Met
4.8	Instructional materials () Fully Met	are reviewed for bias and () Marginally Met	d historical accuracy. () Not Presently Met	() Cannot Be Met

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5. MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION

There is a table of organization. Lines of authority, relationship, and accountability are defined. Job descriptions and work schedules are regularly reviewed. There is a plan for staff development. Staff appointment and termination practices reflect consistency and freedom of bias. Periodic state-of-the-school reports are issued. An up-to-date policies and procedures manual is printed and reviewed annually.

5.1 The school has an organizational chart and is able to effectively describe one in its discussions with evaluators.

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5.7	An up-to-date policies () ^{Fully} Met	and procedures manual () Marginally Met	is printed and reviewed () Not Presently Met	annually. () Cannot Be Met

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6. STUDENT ATTENDANCE/CONDUCT/RECORDS/COUNSELING

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The school accounts for the presence of its students and meets all local regulations for maintaining their health and safety. Unexplained absences are reported to parents/guardians and legal authority in a timely manner. A student code of conduct is in written form and consistently enforced. Procedures for the expulsion of any student for cause are known and consistently applied. Counseling is provided as needed. Exit counseling is conducted prior to final exit from school. Records of admission, progress, achievement, and recommendations for future study are safely and securely preserved. Occasional follow-up studies of former students are conducted.

6.1 There is a clearly designed format and procedures for recording the daily attendance of each student. () ()) (Marginally Not Presently Cannot Fully

6.2 The school immediately notified parents (or other identified authority) of unexplained absences.

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7. COMMUNICATIONS/RELATIONSHIPS/SAFETY/MEDIA

Communications among staff and with students, parents, and schools that students regularly attend are clear and complete. All are informed of what they need to know in a timely manner. Relationships at all levels are constructive and mutually supporting. There is safe access and egress to and from all parts of the facility with adequate provisions for the movement of handicapped persons. Digital equipment and media required for the effective implementation of educational and administrative functions is adequate, up-to-date, and effectively used.

7.1 Members of the staff are provided with all the information they need concerning students, parents, school operations, and employment status.

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7.2 Staff morale reflects positive staff attitudes toward the school, its students, the parents, the administration, and the school community.

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7.3 There is evidence of communications with other appropriate professionals, schools, and agencies, such as public health and mental health agencies.

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7.4 Provisions are made to assure records and other correspondence defining students' accomplishments are accurate and consistent with professional standards.

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7.5 Relationships with former students are positive and productive. ()
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7.6 The school's relationship with the other educational agencies are professional and productive.

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7.7 Relationships with community members and other educational institutions are strong.
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7.8 The school can provide evidence that all provisions and precautions needed to insure the health and safety of staff and students are in place. This should include Crisis and Emergency Response Plans.

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7.9 Digital equipment and media used in instruction are up-to-date, functional, and appropriate for the purposes to which they are dedicated. Technology staff are knowledgeable of current and future trends.

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7.10 Reporting to parents and outside agencies are timely and include at a minimum staff and student attendance, discipline, and progress toward goals. Frequent academic progress is reported to students and parents

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ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

1. SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Adults support children's self-identity and social competence by modeling respect for the children, using positive guidance techniques that support the development of self-control and interpersonal problem-solving, and by encouraging positive approaches to learning and interacting with others.

1.1	Adults use positive guid acceptable behavior.	lance techniques and er	ncourage children to eng	gage in
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1.2	Adults provide opportu	inities for children to prac	tice and develop self-he	elp skills.
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1.3	Adults provide children and reassurance.	with opportunities to dev	velop social skills by prov	iding support
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2. LANGUAGE AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

Adults use a wide range of strategies for children to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and appreciate text. Children draw meaning from their prior knowledge and experience, their interactions with others, their knowledge of word meaning, and their word identification strategies.

2.1 Adults provide children with a variety of activities to help develop language and literacy skills.

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2.2 Adults speak their Native language to children and provide opportunities for children to practice speaking.

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2.3 Through play and social interactions, children will use an increasing rich vocabulary.

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3. MATHEMATICAL THINKING AND EXPRESSION

Children combine, sort, count, or describe the characteristics of small objects. Active, hands-on strategies for problem-solving, exploration, and experimentation, and scaffolding previous knowledge and interactions to learn new information are being used. Children learn motor control, patterns, and concrete ways to understand abstract ideas.

3.1 Adults encourage children, through exploration, play and social interactions to combine, sort, count and describe objects.

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3.2 Adults provide children a variety of activities to help develop exploring, processing and problem-solving skills.

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3.3 Adults provide a variety of opportunities for children to manipulate and explore objects.

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4. SCIENTIFIC THINKING AND TECHNOLOGY

Adults acknowledge and support children to extend their curiosity through the process of inquiry, observing, asking questions, forming hypothesis, investigating, gathering data, drawing conclusions, and building ideas that lead to new questions.

4.1 Adults provide children with opportunities for exploration and participation in their environment.

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4.2 Adults provide children a variety of activities to support their curiosity and interest in natural and man-made objects to encourage deeper thinking.

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5. SOCIAL STUDIES THINKING

Children learn about themselves and their role in their family and community. Adults facilitate children's social studies skill development by helping them engage in active investigations that build knowledge and understanding.

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5.2	2 Adults provide opportunities for children to make decisions and choices.			
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5.3	Adults provide children with opportunities to build knowledge and understanding of			
	native culture and traditions.			
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COMMENTS:

6. CREATIVE THINKING AND EXPRESSION

Adults support creative learning by providing concrete, process-oriented play experiences that encourage children to use their imagination and to experiment with new ideas and materials.

6.1	Adults provide a variety of play experiences and materials that encourage child			ge children
	to use their imagination and creativity to express themselves.			
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COMMENTS:

7. HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Adults model healthy and safe practices and promote healthy lifestyles for children. Adults provide opportunities to experience active indoor and outdoor play in which children use their bodies.

7.1	Adults plan opportunities for children to exercise and engage in active play.			
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7.2	Adults introduce and	d sustain healthy	choices and habits for ch	nildren to follow.
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COMMENTS: