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What questions do you have about working with Native American EL students?

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I have several EL Native students at LHS and I want to reach out and build relationships but don't ever see them until the WIDA test. Any ideas?

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Anna Brokenleg

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@Emily Koo try connecting with their NAC teacher over there Janet Fleming-Martin. She does case management with all of the Native students at LHS and has an after school group that meets where you may be able to connect with some of them.

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Missy Slaathaug

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@Emily Koo I wonder how these students feel about being assessed. Do they resent it? Or do they see that it makes sense? Do they have an LAP? and what services do they receive?

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How can we best motivate our native students without seeming patronizing? I always feel like I come across as that "nice white lady" (cue eye rolls).

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Anna Brokenleg

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Like most of our students I think this often comes down to building authentic relationships. For Native American students this involves needing to have an understanding of tribes, reservations, culture, and current events. <https://indiancountrytoday.com/> Indian Country Today is a great source of current events and issues that Native kids will find engaging.

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What are some differences that you've encountered in working with Native American EL students as opposed to students who are refugees or have immigrated to the U.S.?

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Missy Slaathaug

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There is something that has lingered from being an oppressed culture here - as opposed to an immigrant or refugee culture. My immigrant students struggle with integrating and taking advantage of all the opportunities in HS. Sometimes I will comment that an EL has more of a

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n "exchange student" mindset, where they feel they are entitled to jump in and try to experience it all, as opposed to the refugee mindset where they scuttle in and wonder how they fit in. I feel like the native american kids are more like the refugee kids, but coming from a different starting point.

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Anna Brokenleg

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@Missy Slaathaug most certainly there is the historical and intergenerational trauma which lingers and with it a resiliency which sometimes needs strengthening. I believe Native American students struggle with the fact that while we are educating and operating on their ancestral home lands we still seem to have difficulty including them in their own education both in content and voice.

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Missy Slaathaug

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@Anna Brokenleg Agreed - yes, yes and yes. So - when we encourage them to participate in extra-curricular activities, to integrate in that way - it just falls flat. Of course. This is not their show.

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
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






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Yes on being supportive without being patronizing! Our district has added a lot of Native American education for the teachers and staff, I feel like it's a fine line honoring culture and acclimating.

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