

**§ 273.14 Preparing the education plan.**

A prospective contractor in consultation with its Indian Education Committee(s) shall formulate an education plan and submit it to the appropriate Area Director as a part of the application to contract required by § 273.20. Such plan shall become a part of any contract awarded. The education plan shall contain:

(a) The education programs approved by the Indian Education Committee(s) as required in § 273.17.

(b) Other requirements for the education plan given in § 273.18.

**§ 273.15 Establishment of Indian Education Committee.**

(a) When a school district to be affected by a contract(s) for the education of Indians pursuant to this part has a local school board not composed of a majority of Indians, the tribal governing body(s) of the Indian tribe(s) affected by the contract(s) under this part shall specify one of the following entities to serve as the Indian Education Committee for the purpose of this part:

(1) An Indian Education committee to be elected from among the parents (including persons acting *in loco parentis* except school administrators or officials) of eligible Indian students enrolled in the school(s) affected by a contract(s) under this part; or

(2) A local Indian committee established pursuant to section 305(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Act of January 23, 1972 (86 Stat. 235) and existing prior to January 4, 1975; or

(3) An Indian advisory school board or Indian Education Committee established pursuant to the Johnson-O'Malley Act and existing prior to January 4, 1975.

(b) When the local school board is not composed of a majority of Indians and the tribal governing body(s) of the Indian tribe(s) affected by a contract(s) under this part determine which of the entities provided for in paragraph (a) of this section is to serve as the Indian Education Committee for the purpose of this part, it shall notify the Area Director of such determination by January 15 preceding the school year for which the contract will be let.

(c) The Indian Education Committee established under paragraph (a) of this section and its members shall establish procedures under which the Committee shall serve. Such procedures shall be set forth in the Committee's organizational documents and by-laws. Each Committee shall file a copy of its organizational documents and by-laws with the appropriate Area Director, together with a list of its officers and members as soon as practicable after the Committee is organized.

(d) The existence of an Indian Education Committee shall not limit the continuing participation of the rest of the Indian community in all aspects of programs contracted under this part.

**§ 273.16 Powers and duties of Indian Education Committee.**

(a) Consistent with the purpose of the Indian Education Committee, each such Committee shall be vested with the authority to:

(1) Participate fully in the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of all programs, including both supplemental and operational support, conducted under a contract or contracts pursuant to this part. Such participation shall include further authority to:

(i) Recommend curricula, including texts, materials, and teaching methods to be used in the contracted program or programs.

(ii) Approve budget preparation and execution.

(iii) Recommend criteria for employment in the program.

(iv) Nominate a reasonable number of qualified prospective educational programmatic staff members from which the contractor would be required to select.

(v) Evaluate staff performance and program results and recommend appropriate action to the contractor.

(2) Approve and disapprove all programs to be contracted under this part. All programs contracted pursuant to this part shall require the prior approval of the appropriate Indian Education Committee.

(3) Secure a copy of the negotiated contract(s) which include the program(s) approved by the Indian Education Committee.