Native Academy Connections intends to increase on-time high school graduation rates among American Indian high school students from two Minneapolis high schools.

Over 4 years, 108 students meaningfully participated in hands-on, culturally relevant classes and tutoring at Nawayee Center School and the All Nations program at South High school.

Cultural connection

76% of students felt connected to their culture when at Native Academy Connections.

68% of students said they learned about their culture when at Native Academy Connections.

On-time graduation

53% of all students who meaningfully participated with Native Academy Connections were on track to graduate on time when they graduated or when the program ended at the end of School Year 2016-17.

Compared to the overall graduation rate of 30% for American Indian students in School Year 2016-17 in the Minneapolis School District.

Education plans

79% of students had plans to go to college or receive postsecondary training. Of that 79%...

Degrees wanted

- Associate's degree: 20%
- Bachelor's degree: 60%
- Doctorate: 20%

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1 By “meaningfully participated” we mean students who engaged with the program to some degree. There are some students who had the opportunity to engage with the program, but chose not to; these students are not included in these findings.


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