

# Oklahoma State Tribal Education Partnership (OK STEP) Project

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## Goals & Highlight of Accomplishments

### Hello!

It's almost time for back to school. We wish you a happy school year. Please enjoy issue #2 of our newsletter.

### Oklahoma State Tribal Education Partnership (OK-STEP) Grant Project Goals

- Goal 1 Promote Tribal Self-Determination
- Goal 2 Improve Academic Achievement (A Systems Focus)
- Goal 3 Foster Coordination and Collaboration among TEAs, SEA, and LEAs

### Accomplishments

- Successfully identified 54 new Impact Aid students at Little Axe Public School
- Revived a Title VI Indian Education Formula Grant Program at Boone-Apache by the Kiowa Nation coordinator, which had been dormant for nearly a decade
- Hired AST Coordinator who is featured on page 2
- Provided Trainings from Indigenous Education State Leaders Network (IESLN)

### Featured In This Issue...

- Spotlight - Absentee-Shawnee Coordinator Skye Sisco
- Title Presentation from Tammy Smith of Oklahoma State Department of Education (Slides Link Included)
- Pictures from Tribal Events - Sac and Fox Nation PowWow and Fun Day, Kiowa Tribe's Cultural Encampment, and Absentee Shawnee Tribe's July 4th PowWow

### Coming Up

- Back to School Events
- Consultation with Schools and Tribes

### Thank You

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

We would also appreciate if you would take the time to fill out our annual needs assessment survey.

<https://www.research.net/r/OKSTEP>

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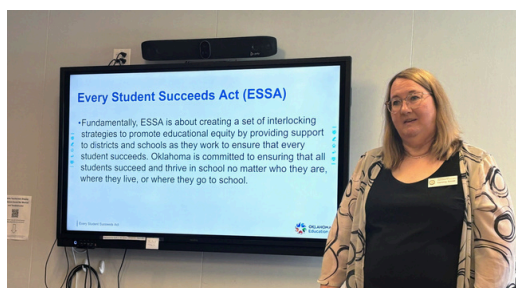
## Meet Our New AST Coordinator



**SKYE SISCO**  
**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE COORDINATOR**

Skye Sisco is a citizen of the Chickamauga Nation. After graduating as a valedictorian from Bristow High School in 2017, they attended the University of Central Oklahoma - graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Strategic Communications in 2023. After college, Skye interned with a non-profit fundraising organization before entering the field of Tribal Education. In their spare time, Skye enjoys writing and making music. They are looking forward to making a positive impact on their community and helping Native youth achieve their educational goals.

## Titles Presentation Senior Director Tammy Smith - Federal Programs Oklahoma State Department of Education



Thank you to Ms. Tammy Smith of the Oklahoma State Education Department for her presentation of the Every Student Succeeds Act and the Title Programs. The link to the slides is below.

### Title Programs

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children
- Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children who are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk
- Title II, Part A – Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals, or Other School Leaders

### Title Programs (Cont.)

- Title III, Part A – English Learners; Immigrants
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- Title V, Part B – Rural Education Initiative
- Title IX, Part A – Homeless Children and Youth

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# Cultural and Educational Events



**Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
July 4th PowWow**

**Kiowa Tribe  
Cultural Encampment**



**Sac and Fox Nation  
PowWow and Fun Day**