



# Did you know?

Ki'L (pronounced Kul'uh) is the Dena'ina word for boy.

Project Ki'L serves Alaska Native and American Indian boys in grades K-5.

Project Ki'L II serves parents and extended families through "talking circles."



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## Project Ki'L Professional Development

- Project Ki'L will serve teachers and support staff through extensive professional development on Social Emotional Learning (SEL), and culturally responsive educational practices.
- Teachers will have the opportunity to get more training on the minds of boys and translate Alaska Native learning into classroom practices.
- Project Ki'L provides annual culturally responsive UAA graduate level professional development training called Passages I and II for teachers, principals, and administrators.

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# PROJECT Ki'L

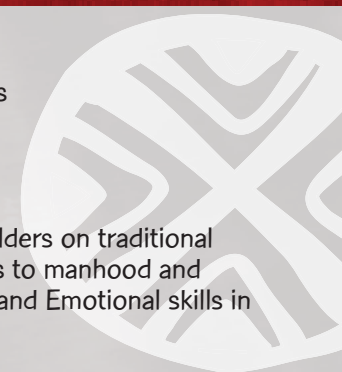
TITLE VII INDIAN EDUCATION  
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(kul'uh)

*Mind:* Academic Success

*Body:* Physical Activity

*Spirit:* Native men and Elders on traditional and modern paths to manhood and improving Social and Emotional skills in Native boys



## PROJECT Ki'L ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Muldoon
- Susitna
- Wonder Park
- Airport Heights
- Alaska Native Cultural Charter School
- Tyson
- Mountain View
- North Star






# What is Project Ki'L?

Project Ki'L seeks to demonstrate that culturally responsive education for preschool to 5th grade Alaska Native and American Indian boys results in higher academic outcomes. It helps parents, community supporters and educators meet the unique needs of Native boys. Project Ki'L also reaffirms their identity by celebrating Native heritage and traditions.





## Our Goals:

-  Narrow the academic achievement gap for Native boys.
-  Improve school attendance for Native boys,
-  Create a more culturally inclusive climate in the project schools.

## Why is Project Ki'L needed?

Native boys' scores on standard-based tests are lower than those of any gender or ethnic group in Alaska. Native boys also have the highest drop out rate in high school.

-  To turn around negative trends.
-  To equip Native boys with culturally relevant tools and resources to excel in school and life.



### FAMILY NIGHTS

- Quarterly events that help bridge the cultural communication divide between the school system and families.
- Bringing boy-friendly activities and presenters into the schools to help Native boys excel.



### M.A.P.S. (MAKING ACTION PLANS)

M.A.P.S. are a goal setting time for boys and their support network of parents, family, friends, and school support. This is an artistic process that helps boys think about what is important in their life now and understand how to reach their dreams!



### PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH NIGHT

- Family events that encourage activity through exciting events such as the Super Hero Night!
- Cultural activities are offered at these events!



### AFTER SCHOOL Ki'L CLUB FOR NATIVE BOYS

- Clubs will take place twice a month and are designed to build Social Emotional Learning (SEL) skills through engaging culturally responsive activities.
- Boys will enjoy engaging Alaska Native & American Indian presenters, artists, and storytellers



### KINDERGARTEN SUCCESS WORKSHOP

- For ASD & Cook Inlet Native Head Start parents
- Strategies for parents to be able to successfully navigate the school system & to offer support for their sons academic success



### SUMMER CAMP: SUMMER TRANSITION ADVENTURE

- This summer camp is offered for three weeks each summer to help boys' transition successfully from preschool to kindergarten.
- The focus is on school readiness, kindergarten expectations, fine motor skills, and creativity!



### FAMILY RECREATION DAY

- This monthly engaging event will focus on activity!
- Boys will enjoy basketball, Native Youth Olympics, cultural and academic activities.



### ELEMENTARY TRANSITION TRAINING FOR PARENTS

- A gathering to help prepare families on what to expect at the next grade level
- Guidance on how to understand assessments and the academic challenges and opportunities at each grade level



### SUMMER CAMPS: KI'SAANI (TLINGIT FOR "YOUNG MEN")

- This camp is offered each summer for boys in 1st--5th grades.
- The camp is designed to be fun, active, and will span the curriculum expectations boys will need to be successful at their next grade level!
- Alaska Native mentors and artists will be an important part of this camp!