

THE SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



The Seminole Tribe of Florida values the educational advancement of Tribal members. Whether it be in academics, trades, or workforce development, the STOF Education Department provides experts and resources to guide Tribal Members through the process. We are grateful for those of you who have collaborated with us, and we hope to have new families/students join together with us in support of their educational pursuits. As we close out 2024 and look toward the opportunities of 2025, we want to remind you of the services we provide and the ways we can join together as a team. Our K-12 and Higher Education advisors, our tutoring team, Exceptional Student Education (ESE) specialists, Tribal Professional Development team and our Library team are ready and available to serve. Please reach out.

Student success is the priority of the Education Department. When you have questions, thoughts, or dealing with situations related to schooling, our team is available. We are staffed at each reservation with student-focused advisors, set up to provide educational resources, supports, guidance, and friendly subject matter experts for you as you and your children take this educational journey.

Our K-12 program advisors assist with kindergarten through 12th graders. Public, Charter, Private and Home schools are our partners and with your authorization/partnership form signed with us, we can provide any support you need. We value you and your child's experience. We understand each student has their own learning style, strengths and weaknesses, interests, and we can customize roadmaps to success based on each student's needs. The K-12 advisors have been researching the schools that can provide the best opportunities for our students. We have detailed information to help you choose the most appropriate school for your child. Public school is the best option for most students. The Public schools in Florida are funded to provide quality education and services that meet the needs for all students.

The number of Tribal members partnering with our Higher Education staff continues to grow, this is fantastic! We have more Tribal members attending trade schools, working on their GED, attending college then we have had in many years. If you have interest in looking into additional training, certification, degree opportunities we are glad to assist. Our team will provide guidance on the correct steps to take when applying to these schools or wanting to visit your potential next training facility. Now is the time to complete applications. Remember the Billie L. Cypress scholarship is available year round.

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Exceptional Student Education specialists for all grades. Our team of specialists will assist with supporting students with exceptionalities. These advisors know the resources that should be provided and will help you get them in place. Academic evaluations are a good starting point in identifying needs.

Do you want to work for the Tribe? Tribal Professional Development/work-study program (WEP): High school/GED graduates can work for the Tribe in one of the many Departments, providing opportunities to understand and learn the operations in any department that you have interest in.

Growing and developing into leaders of the Seminole Tribe is within reach. The Education department wants you to succeed, and we are finding opportunities to introduce to you and your family.

Reminder: Release forms are available and accepted back at any Education Department office or by your Education Department Advisor.

We look forward to partnering with you in the new year.

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