

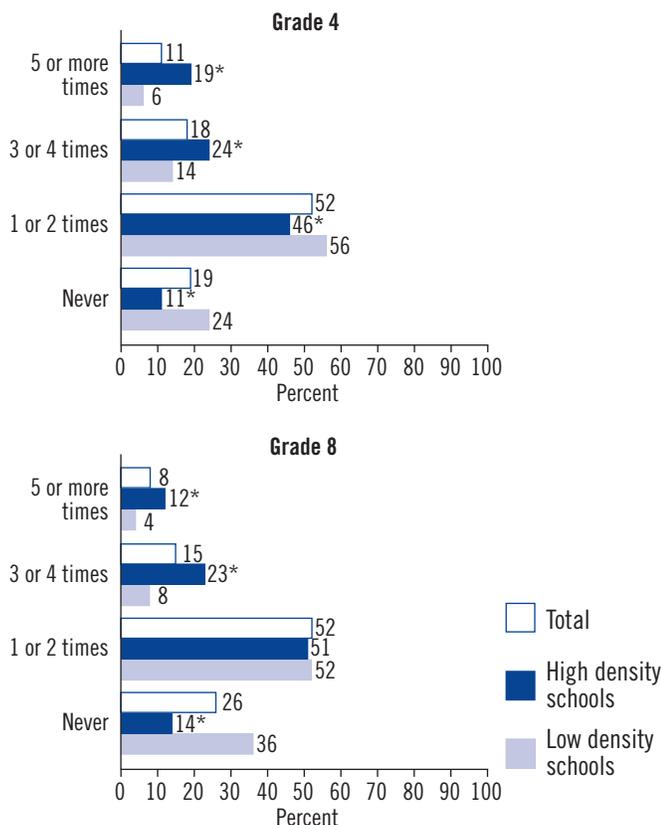
How often do schools ask families to share histories and traditions as part of instruction?

The NIES school questionnaire asked school administrators how often in a typical school year their schools provided opportunities for families to share AI/AN histories and traditions as part of their school's instructional program.

Opportunities for sharing native histories and traditions differed by school density (figure 3-6). For example, school administrators of 43 percent of fourth-graders in high density schools reported that such opportunities occurred at least 3 times a year, compared to 20 percent of fourth-graders in low density schools.

Figure 3-6. Percentage of fourth- and eighth-grade AI/AN students, by school administrators' responses to a question about the use of students' native/family histories and traditions in instructional programs and school density: 2007

In a typical school year, how often does your school provide opportunities for students' families to share native or family histories and traditions as part of the instructional program?



* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from low density schools.
 NOTE: AI/AN = American Indian/Alaska Native. School density indicates the proportion of AI/AN students enrolled. High density schools have 25 percent or more AI/AN students. Low density schools have less than 25 percent. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.
 SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, 2007 National Indian Education Study.

Responses from school administrators are shown in table 3-12 for students in public schools and BIE schools. At both grades 4 and 8, a higher percentage of students in BIE schools (about 59 and 63 percent) than in public schools (28 and 20 percent) had administrators who indicated that these opportunities occurred at least 3 times a year.

Table 3-12. Percentage of AI/AN students, by grade, type of school, and school administrators' responses to a question about the use of students' native/family histories and traditions in instructional programs: 2007

In a typical school year, how often does your school provide opportunities for students' families to share native or family histories and traditions as part of the instructional program?	Grade 4		Grade 8	
	Type of school		Type of school	
	Public	BIE	Public	BIE
5 or more times	11	23*	6	31*
3 or 4 times	17	36*	14	32*
1 or 2 times	53	30*	52	30*
Never	19	10*	28	7*

* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from public schools.
 NOTE: AI/AN = American Indian/Alaska Native. BIE = Bureau of Indian Education. Results are not shown for Department of Defense and private schools. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.
 SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, 2007 National Indian Education Study.

