

How often are AI/AN culture and history integrated into the curriculum?

Teachers were asked about the extent to which they integrated AI/AN culture and history into their curriculum. When compared to fourth- and eighth-grade AI/AN students attending low density schools, higher percentages of students attending high density schools had teachers who reported that they integrated AI/AN culture and history into their curriculum “at least once a week” (figure 3-9).

Higher percentages of BIE school students than public school students had teachers who reported integrating AI/AN culture and history into their curriculum. For example, higher percentages of fourth- and eighth-graders in BIE schools than in public schools had teachers who said the integration of AI/AN culture and history into their curriculum occurred “almost every day” (table 3-15).

Table 3-15. Percentage of AI/AN students, by type of school, grade, and teachers’ responses to a question about the integration of AI/AN culture and history in their curriculum: 2007

To what extent do you integrate American Indian or Alaska Native culture and history into your curriculum?	Type of school	
	Public	BIE
Grade 4		
Almost every day	5	19*
At least once a week	12	34*
At least once a month	20	30*
At least once a grading period	51	13*
Never	12	4*
Grade 8 reading/language arts		
Almost every day	4	31*
At least once a week	5	30*
At least once a month	14	31*
At least once a grading period	49	8*
Never	27	#*
Grade 8 mathematics		
Almost every day	1	10*
At least once a week	5	33*
At least once a month	5	20*
At least once a grading period	16	24*
Never	74	13*

Rounds to zero.

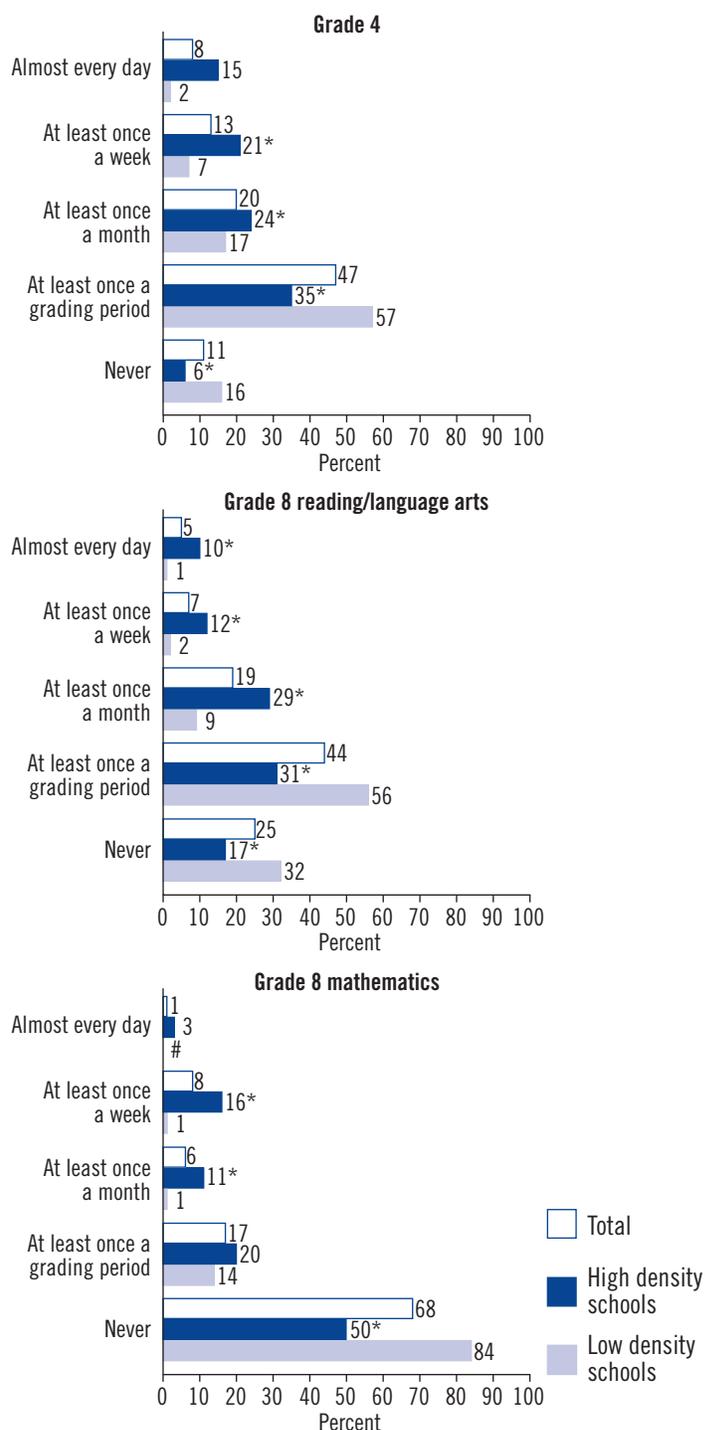
* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from public schools.

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.

Figure 3-9. Percentage of fourth- and eighth-grade AI/AN students, by teachers’ responses to a question about the integration of AI/AN culture and history in their curriculum and school density: 2007

To what extent do you integrate American Indian or Alaska Native culture and history into your curriculum?



Rounds to zero.

* 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.

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