



Panther Career Bridges Ojibwe Language

Cass Lake - Bena High School

The Ojibwe Language Career Bridge offers student an opportunity to focus on developing their Ojibwe Language and cultural skills. These courses form the basis for understanding Ojibwe life and ceremonies. Students with a passion for learning language should enroll in this Panther Career Bridge.

Academic Courses

- Intro to Indian Studies
- Ojibwe Language I
- Ojibwe Language II
- Advanced Ojibwe
- 1 course from Indigenous Studies

Career Experiences

- Learn from Cultural Leaders
- Work with Tribal Elders
- Participate in cultural activities and ceremonies
- Attend the Bridges Career Exploration Day or other regional career fairs

Completion Standards

COMPLETE

- All courses
- + 1 Indigenous Studies
- Intern/Shadow Elder

GRADES **B+** ATTENDANCE **80%**

Earn a **certificate** and **green cord** at graduation



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Job Skills

In addition to having technical skills, employers expect their workers to have other skills such as:

- Listening and communication skills
- Ability to work with cultural groups
- Use critical thinking skills
- Effectively work with tribal groups
- Problem solving



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ACADEMY COURSES

Introduction to Indian Studies — .5 High School Credit

Students will be introduced to the history of Native Americans to achieve a basic understanding of Native American History with an emphasis on Ojibwe History, of the diversity of tribes and of how events in the past have shaped the current experiences of native people in America. They will learn about the accomplishments and contributions of Native Americans. They will study the basic history of our area from pre-contact to present.

Ojibwe Language I — 1 High School Credit

This high school Beginning Ojibwe Language class focuses on the use of the language. Students learn through daily oral drills involving simple conversation and Ojibwe language that is commonly used with daily routines. Other minor study subjects include seasonal activities, legends, and historical events. Good attendance and hard work are a must to learn the most complex language of the world.

Ojibwe Language II — 1 High School Credit

This high school Intermediate Ojibwe language class will review what students learned in Ojibwe I and expand to grammar and language patterns. Students will also get an in-depth study of Ojibwe history. Students will complete a personal project along with a speech to their peers. Good attendance and hard work are a must to learn and use the most complex language in the world.

Advanced Ojibwe — 1 High School Credit

This high school Advanced Ojibwe language class will review what students learned in Ojibwe II and expanding on language patterns, oral usage, and grammar. Students will complete an advanced personal project and present to their peers. Great attendance and hard work are a must to learn and use the most complex language in the world.

One Course from Indigenous Studies — .5 or 1 High School Credit

Students must choose one additional course from the various courses in the Indigenous Studies curriculum.

COMPLETION STANDARD: Students wishing to receive a certification must complete Introduction to Indian Studies, Ojibwe Language I, Ojibwe Language II, Advanced Ojibwe and one course from Indigenous Studies. Students must earn a 'B' or better in all courses and maintain an 80% attendance rate.

CAREER EXPERIENCES: Students will explore and cultural activities while working with community organizations. The required Elder Internship or Shadow experience will provide students will knowledge and skills needed to become a tribal leader.

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