

OSAGE IMMERSION SCHOOL - FACT SHEET

“Preserving the Osage Language one child at a time”



From the DAPOSKA A^KODAPY (In English: “Our School”) OSAGE IMMERSION SCHOOL Parent Handbook

DAPOSKA A^KODAPY provides a place where children can begin to learn the Osage language, at a pre-verbal age, by hearing the Osage language spoken for several hours each day. By immersing students in the Osage language and culture, and providing them with opportunities to explore and learn each day, their self-esteem and Osage identity of our next generation will be strengthened.



Introduction & Goals:

DAPOSKA A^KODAPY (Our School) provides a **comprehensive child development program that promotes and encourages individual growth and development of young children, aged 6 weeks to 1st Grade**. Students are immersed in the Osage language throughout the day as well as having constant exposure to various aspects of the Osage culture throughout the school day.



Enrollment of your student with DAPOSKA A^KODAPY requires a commitment from the whole family. The goal of DAPOSKA A^KODAPY is to have Osage students speaking conversational Osage **both in school and at home**. For this reason, **parent(s)/guardian(s)** are required to regularly attend approved Osage Language classes.

GOALS OF DAPOSKA A^KODAPY

1. Surround our children with positive **Osage role models** while creating a nurturing and caring environment steeped in Osage language and culture
2. Strengthen and empower families to learn together to bring Osage conversation and cultural values back into our homes on a daily basis
3. Integrate Osage **culture** and language into each student’s daily learning environment



*Source: Info on Immersion School - Parent Handbook [https://s3.amazonaws.com/osagenation-nsn.gov/files/departments/Immersion%20School/2017-2018 Immersion Handbook.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/osagenation-nsn.gov/files/departments/Immersion%20School/2017-2018%20Immersion%20Handbook.pdf)

See also: **VIDEO of Immersion School “Osage Nation Looks to Revitalize Original Language”** by KJRH-TV Tulsa Channel 2 (3 min.)

