

Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Student Count Guidelines

Congress decides the level at which JOM is funded. It is incumbent on the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to request the funds needed to adequately support the JOM program. BIE recommends appropriate funding levels for the program based on the *most recent determination of the number of eligible Native American students served*. Using a funding formula, BIE allocates funds to contracted grantees based on their student counts. In the case of the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), this count is based on a consolidated count for ADE's grant sub-contracts: 26 school districts and 2 tribes.

Currently grantee student counts are locked at the 1994 student count, however this is being changed per the 2018 JOM Modernization Act, **Public Law 115-404**. This act directs an accurate and comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating JOM allocations.

Around April or May of each year, BIE requests an updated student count. This count includes currently served JOM students, as well as potential students. Potential students would include students who are identified as Native American, but do not currently have the documentation to verify their JOM eligibility and thus, are not being served. Reference the program information at the Office of Indian Education (OIE) website, <https://www.azed.gov/oie/johnson-omalley-jom-program>, for the eligibility requirements. These *potential* students should be encouraged to complete the tribal enrollment/Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) certification process to provide them more program options.

ADE's guidelines for conducting the annual JOM student count are as follows:

- Use Oct 1 data. This data is used for most Federal reports and therefore provides consistency when conducting comparisons and additional analysis.
- Provide the number of eligible and potential students, by grade, by school. The student count collection form is available at the OIE website.
- Students who transfer
 - Between Jul 1 and Oct 1 should not be counted. These students will be counted on Oct 1 at their new location.
 - After Oct 1 should not affect the Oct 1 count which is a snapshot of enrollment on that date. Therefore, no data adjustments are required.
- New Indian student enrollments that occur after Oct 1 should be counted as **potential** students for the annual count.