Culture & Language Program

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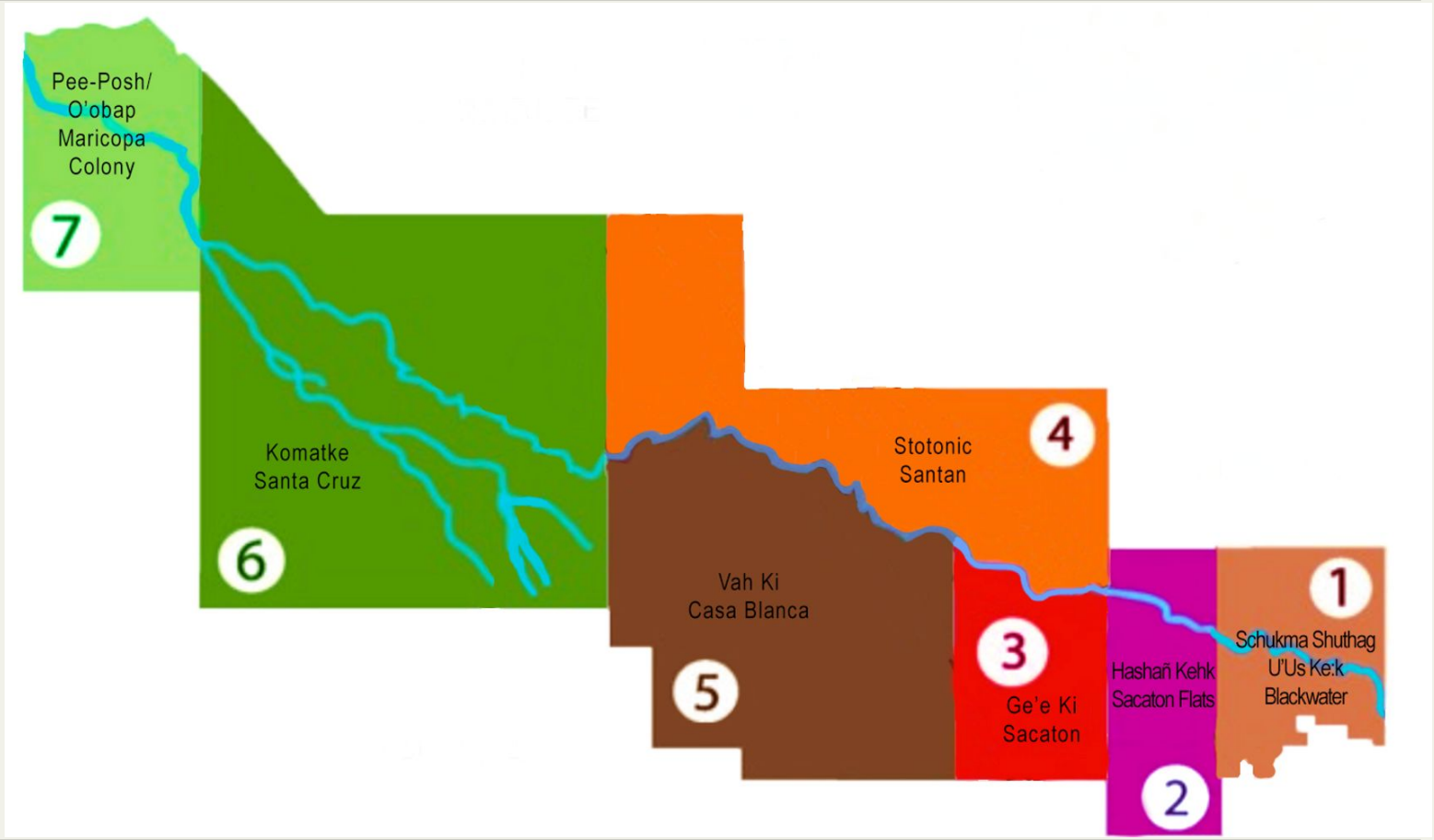
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY
TRIBAL EDUCATION

- ★ Akimel O’otham (Pima)
- ★ Pee Posh (Maricopa)

Approx. 23, 000 enrolled members



Dist. 1 - Blackwater
Dist. 2 - Sacaton Flats
Dist. 3 - Sacaton
Dist. 4 - Santan
Dist. 5 - Casa Blanca
Dist. 6 - Komatke
Dist. 7 - Maricopa Colony



Saint Peter's Indian Mission School

Blackwater Community School

Gila River Indian Community Early Head Start/Head Start Program

Sacaton Elementary School District #18

Casa Blanca Community School

Gila River Indian Community Early Education/Child Care Program

Gila Crossing Community School

Maricopa Village Christian School

Native Language Teachers

- 12 Certified Teachers
- 9 Teachers in Culture/Language Positions
- Established a proficiency test and policy in 2017

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- Members are current/former Culture Teachers, elders, interested Community Members.
- Grassroots group with own guidelines for running meetings, approving teaching materials, other educational.
- Provides guidance on issues regarding teaching of language/culture in the Community’s schools.



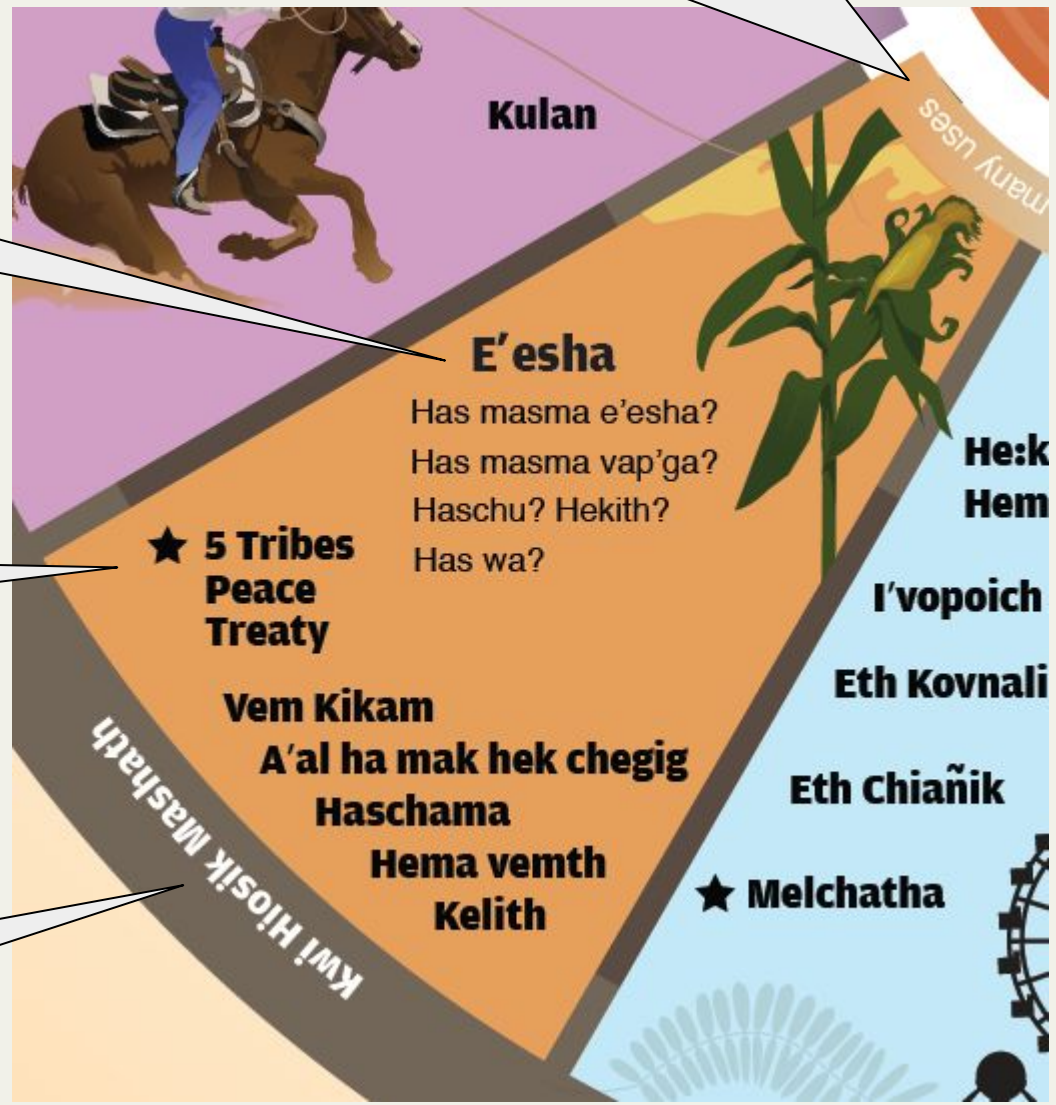
Educational Culture Calendar "the Wheel"

Cultural Keystone: Kwi (Mesquite Tree)

Thematic Unit: Planting - How to plant, What to plant, when to plant

Holidays/Community Celebrations: 5 Tribes Peace Treaty

Month: Kwi Hiosik Mashath (Mesquite Flower Month/April)

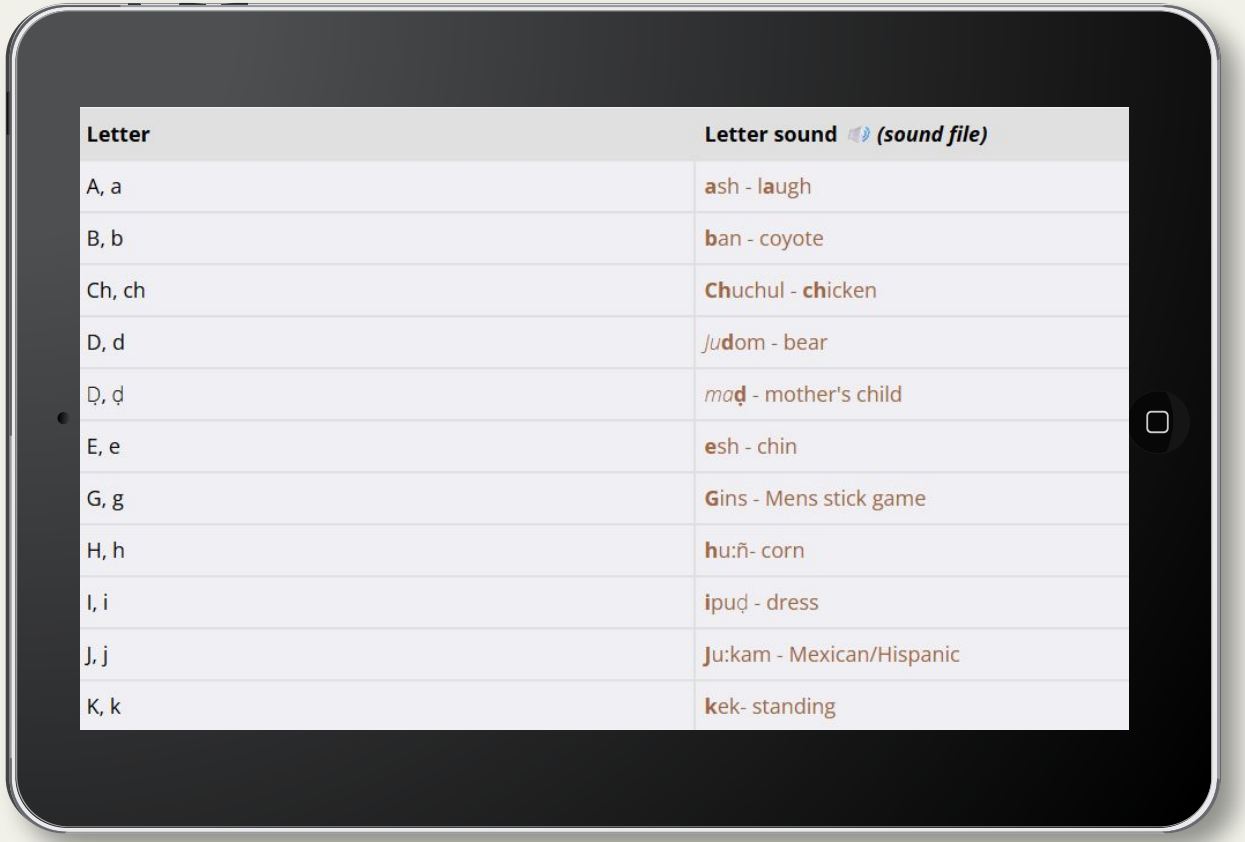


GRIC Orthography

TED Website has the orthography listed, along with audio clips of each letters' sounds along with accompanying words.

A tool to support the GRIC orthography for Akimel O'otham, adopted in 2009.

GRIC Orthography Cultural Program



Letter	Letter sound *(sound file)*
A, a	**a**sh - l**a**ugh
B, b	**b**an - coyote
Ch, ch	**Ch**uchul - **ch**icken
D, d	*Ju***d**om - bear
Ḍ, ḍ	*ma***ḍ** - mother's child
E, e	**e**sh - chin
G, g	**G**ins - Mens stick game
H, h	**h**u:ñ- corn
I, i	**i**puḍ - dress
J, j	**J**u:kam - Mexican/Hispanic
K, k	**k**ek- standing









Services

The Culture and Language program is proud to provide a number of services to students, families, Community Members and those interested in language and cultural revitalization.

- Cultural Teacher Professional Development
- Community classes and presentations
- Translations
- Documenting Language
- Elder Interviews
- Children’s Book writing
- Lesson Planning
- Consultations

Tribal Education Department

Student Services Program

Child Development & Educational Support Services

K-12 Program/Off-Reservation Boarding Schools

TED Administration

This is our team.



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Thank you!

Do you have any questions?

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