



OKLAHOMA STATE  
DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

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Dear Ms. Pinnell, Kiowa Language Department and Kiowa Tribal Leadership:

The Kiowa tribal language program for training teachers to teach Kiowa as a World Language for graduation credit is recognized by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Those who receive approval from the Tribe by successfully completing this language-training program and are recognized by the Kiowa Elders and Language Department as having achieved proficiency in the Kiowa language may become certified to teach in Oklahoma schools by following the Native American Language certification pathway.

Students taking Kiowa language classes from a certified Kiowa language teacher can receive World Language credit toward graduation. Until the Kiowa language receives its own approved subject codes, 3250 Other Native American Language is the correct subject code to be used and may be applied for all levels of the language offered.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cathleen Skinner".

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