



## Tribal Regalia Policy

**Legal Reference:** 70 O.S. § 24-160

### Purpose

Proud To Partner Leadership Academy (PTPLA) recognizes the cultural and religious significance of tribal regalia. In accordance with Oklahoma law, PTPLA permits students to wear tribal regalia during graduation ceremonies and other school-sponsored events.

### Policy Details

**1. Definition:**

- "Tribal regalia" includes traditional garments, jewelry, and other adornments of cultural significance to recognized Native American tribes.

**2. Right to Wear Regalia:**

- Students of Native American descent may wear tribal regalia at graduation and official school events without penalty or discrimination.

**3. Excluded Items:**

- Prohibited items include weapons, replicas of weapons, or anything that compromises safety or significantly disrupts the ceremony.
- PTPLA reserves the right to prohibit items that are not part of recognized tribal regalia or that pose a substantial disruption.

**4. Notification:**

- Students intending to wear tribal regalia must notify the principal or event organizer at least 3 days before the event.
- Staff will work collaboratively to ensure appropriate accommodations.



**5. Respect and Inclusion:**

- Staff and students will be informed annually about the rights of Native American students to wear tribal regalia.
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