DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Amendment of an Existing System of Records

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Interior.

ACTION: Proposed amendment of an existing system of records.


DATE: Comments must be received by August 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Any persons interested in commenting on the amended system of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to the Privacy Act Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 625 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, VA 20170, or by e-mail to Joan.Tyler@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Skenandore, Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), 1849 C Street, NW., MIB MS 3609, Washington, DC 20245, or by e-mail to Kevin.Skenandore@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)) and is in exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, in 209 DM 8.1. This notice amends the Privacy Act System of Records entitled Interior, BIA–22, “Indian Student Records.” The purpose of the amendment is to: (1) Change the name of the system from Interior, BIA–22, “Indian Student Records” to Interior, BIA–22, “Native American Student Information System” (NASIS) (2) update the addresses of the system locations, system managers, and the categories of individuals covered by the system statement; (3) update the information regarding disclosures outside the Department of the Interior; (4) update the information on student records; (5) update the routine uses, storage, retrievability and safeguards statements to incorporate the changes since the system notice was last published, and (6) expand the existing system of records to include information necessary to generate the reports the Bureau of Indian Education produces annually to meet the various requirements. A copy of the notice, with changes incorporated, is attached.

Dated: July 9, 2008.

George T. Skibine,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and Economic Development.

SYSTEM NAME:
Native American Student Information System (NASIS), Interior, BIA–22.

SYSTEM LOCATION:
(1) Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Central Office, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 3609, Washington, DC 20240.
(2) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Albuquerque Data Center, 1011 Indian School Road, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104.
(3) Infinite Campus, 2 Pine Tree Drive, Suite 302, Arden Hills, MN 55112.
(4) BIE-specific school locations. For a listing of specific locations, contact the Systems Manager.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:
• All students who attend BIE-funded primary and secondary schools;
• All education staff who work at BIE-funded primary and secondary schools, including school administrators, principals, registrars, school clerks, teachers, teacher aides, counselors, school bus drivers (for certifications), janitorial staff, food service staff, school complex security staff, and dormitory staff; and
• Parents or guardians of, and emergency or authorized contacts for, students attending BIE-funded primary and secondary schools.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:
• School staff information including, but not limited to, staff ID number, qualifications for staff position, school district of employment and school district assignments, home address, home phone number, and e-mail address;
• Student information including name, birth date, address, phone number, e-mail address, student ID information, student photo, school, residential enrollment, free or reduced meal status, and household census information:
  • Student tribal affiliation, tribal certificate type, and validation of tribal membership;
  • Student contact information including contact information for parents or guardians or other parties to contact in an emergency, and relationships of students to emergency contacts;
  • Records documenting student behavior including information on behavior problems and the resolution of the problems:
    • Transcripts, test scores, grades, education level, classes available, class scheduling, special education data, gifted and talented data, instructional and residential attendance;
    • School bus transportation data;
    • Languages spoken by students, level of English proficiency, indigenous Indian languages spoken, and preferred language;
    • Immunization records of students, health conditions of students and other information pertaining to student health, including treatments for health problems.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:
ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:

The system is used to administer BIE-funded schools by providing high-quality student data to legitimate users. NASIS serves as the BIE’s primary tracking and reporting system for students attending BIE-funded schools and for duty certifications of employees at such schools.

Disclosure outside the Department of the Interior may be made:

(1) To Congress in the form of Indian Student Equalization Program (ISEP) reports to justify ISEP funding for Indian schools.

(2) To the Department of Education in the form of Consolidated School Reports to satisfy accountability requirements of NCLBA.

(3) To the Department of Education in the form of Annual Performance Reports to satisfy accountability requirements of IDEA.

(4) To parents and guardians of students in the form of web-enabled access to grades, assignments, attendance, behavior, schedule, and school calendar for their student.

(5) To parents and guardians of students in the form of periodic reports on their student(s).

(6) To State education departments in the form of bio-grid data for assessment access for students within that State for the purpose of fulfilling accountability requirements under NCLBA.

(7) To State education departments in the form of attendance and graduation rate data for students within that State for the purpose of fulfilling accountability requirements under NCLBA.

(8) To an authorized recipient such as a parent, medical facility, service provider, or school to which the student is transferring, in the form of a data package containing information about the student to enable the recipient to provide services to the student, following the guidelines of the IDEA for special education students, or privacy policies for DOI and Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) for all students.

(9) To the public in the form of school report cards as required by NCLBA.

(10) To individual requestors in accordance with the requirements of FERPA and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

(11) To schools receiving grants from or under contract to the BIE.

(12)(a) To any of the following entities or individuals, when the circumstances set forth in paragraph (b) are met:

(i) The Department of Justice (DOJ);

(ii) A court, adjudicative or other administrative body;

(iii) A party in litigation before a court or adjudicative or other administrative body; or

(iv) Any DOI employee acting in his or her individual capacity if DOI or DOJ has agreed to represent that employee or pay for private representation of the employee.

(b) When:

(i) One of the following is a party to the proceeding or has an interest in the proceeding:

(A) DOI or any component of DOI;

(B) Any other Federal agency appearing before the Office of Hearings and Appeals;

(C) Any DOI employee acting in his or her official capacity;

(D) Any DOI employee acting in his or her individual capacity if DOI or DOJ has agreed to represent that employee or pay for private representation of the employee.

(E) The United States, when DOJ determines that DOI is likely to be affected by the proceeding; and

(ii) DOI deems the disclosure to be:

(A) Relevant and necessary to the proceeding; and

(B) Compatible with the purposes for which the records were compiled.

(13) To a congressional office in response to a written inquiry that an individual covered by the system, or the heir of such individual if covered individual is deceased, has made to the office.

(14) To any criminal, civil, or regulatory law enforcement authority (whether Federal, State, territorial, local, tribal, or foreign) when a record, either alone or in conjunction with other information, indicates a violation or potential violation of law—criminal, civil, or regulatory in nature, and the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(15) To an official of another Federal agency to provide information needed in the performance of official duties related to reconciling or reconstructing data files or to enable that agency to respond to an inquiry by the individual to whom the record pertains.

(16) To Federal, State, territorial, local, tribal, or foreign agencies that have requested information relevant or necessary to the hiring, firing, or retention of an employee or contractor, or the issuance of a security clearance, license, contract, grant, or other benefit, when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(17) To representatives of the National Archives and Records Administration to conduct records management inspections under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

(18) To state and local governments and tribal organizations to provide information needed in response to court order and/or discovery purposes related to litigation, when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(19) To an expert, consultant, or contractor (including employees of the contractor) of DOI that performs services requiring access to these records on DOI’s behalf to carry out the purposes of the system.

(20) To the appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when:

(a) It is suspected or confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; and

(b) The Department has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise there is a risk of harm to economic or property interest, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the Department or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and

(c) The disclosure is made of such agencies, entities, and persons who are reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Department’s efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

(21) To the Office of Management and Budget during the coordination and clearance process in connection with legislative acts as mandated by OMB Circular A–19.

(22) To the Department of the Treasury to recover debts owed to the United States.

(23) To the news media when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

DISCLOSURES TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12), records can be disclosed to consumer reporting agencies as they are defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)) or the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 (31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3)).

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are stored in both paper and electronic form. Technical data from audit logs and database queries produced by IT support in Infinite Campus are stored in paper form at this location. Sensitive student records
including grades, attendance records, health, special programs, and behavior information are stored in paper form in locked file cabinets. Electronic records are stored on hard disks.

RETRIEVABILITY:
Records including attendance, grades, discipline information, test and assessment histories, program enrollments, and health information are retrieved from the NASIS using a unique student identification code assigned by the system. Other records for school administrators, principals, teachers, teacher aides, counselors, school bus drivers, line officers, regional directors, system administrators, librarians, food service workers, dormitory managers, and parents/guardian records are retrievable using a unique identifier code assigned by the system for each individual.

SAFEGUARDS:
NASIS is maintained with controls meeting safeguard requirements identified in Departmental Privacy Act Regulations (43 CFR 2.51) for manual and automated records. Access to records is limited to authorized personnel whose official duties require such access; agency officials have access only to records pertaining to their agencies.

(1) Physical Security: Paper records are maintained in locked file cabinets and/or in secured rooms.

(2) Technical Security: Electronic records are maintained in conformity with Office of Management and Budget and Departmental guidelines reflecting the implementation of the Federal Information Security Management Act. Electronic data are protected through user identification, passwords, database permissions, and software controls. These security measures establish different degrees of access for different types of users. An audit trail is maintained and reviewed periodically to identify unauthorized access. A Privacy Impact Assessment was completed for the NASIS and is updated at least annually to ensure that Privacy Act requirements and personally identifiable information safeguard requirements are met. Security procedures are verified through annual assessments of the applications. The NASIS Security Assessment was last performed 12/19/2006 in accordance with FIPS 200 and NIST 800–53.

(3) Administrative Security: All DOI and contractor employees with access to NASIS are required to complete Privacy Act, Records Management Act, and Security Awareness Training.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records relating to individuals covered by this system are retained in accordance with the 16 Bureau of Indian Affairs Manual (BIAM), as approved by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and are scheduled for permanent retention.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

NASIS COTR and Project Manager, Bureau of Indian Education, 1001 Indian School Road, NW, Suite 219A, Albuquerque, NM 87103

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:
Inquiries regarding the existence of records should be addressed to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and meet the requirements of 43 CFR 2.60.

RECORDS ACCESS PROCEDURES:
A request for access may be addressed to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and meet the requirements of 43 CFR 2.63.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:
A petition for amendment should be addressed to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and meet the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.71.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:
Information is received from students attending BIE-funded schools, parents/guardians of students, school administrators, principals, teachers, teacher aides, counselors, school bus drivers, librarians, food service workers, and dormitory managers on whom records are maintained.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:
None.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Establishment of a New System of Records

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of addition of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is issuing public notice of its intent to add a new Privacy Act system of records to its inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552). This action is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the Federal Register notice of the existence and character of records systems maintained by the agency (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)). The new Privacy Act system of records is entitled Interior, BIA–30, “Identity Information System” (IIS).

DATES: Comments must be received by August 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Any persons interested in commenting on this new system of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to the Privacy Act Officer, 625 Herndon Parkway, Herndon VA 20170, or by e-mail to Joan.Tyler@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Jaber, Director, Division of Independent Validation and Verification, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 625 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, VA 20170, or by e-mail at Nicole.Jaber@bia.gov.

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Dated: July 9, 2008.

George T. Skibine,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and Economic Development.


SYSTEM LOCATION:
Herndon Data Center (HDC), 625 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, VA 20170.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:
Those members from the following organizations who require access to BIA IT systems:

(1) Employees and contractors of AS–IA, BIA and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)

(2) Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST)

(3) Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA)