



Hoocak Ee Cooni Philosophy

It is our responsibility individually and collectively to care for, nurture, maintain our language. Our Ho-Chunk language is the primary vehicle through which cultural knowledge and behavior are transmitted through generations. When a community loses its native tongue, valuable cultural knowledge and practices are lost as well. To ensure that we as a Nation are not orphaned from our sacred Ho-Chunk language, the Hoocak Ee Cooni program was created to assist in the creating of future speakers of the Hoocak language.

Our Hoocak language carries within it, our history, knowledge, and culture, in ways that can be best comprehended through our language.

It is our responsibility to care for, nurture, and maintain our living language, which will help us continue our way of life and world views into the future.

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Our goal is to create future proficient language speakers of the Hoocak language.



The Ho-Chunk Education Department and Language Division have partnered together to create a pilot one way Language program Hooak Ee Cooni. This Daycare/Preschool will teach the Hooak language as the first language for our infants, toddlers and preschool aged children in the Wisconsin Dells, Reedsburg and Baraboo areas.

Mission statement

The future of our tribe is in our children's hands. We commit to prepare them to be school ready both academically and socially, with a love for learning, and a positive identity as Hooak people through the acquisition of the Hooak Language.

"Language immersion programs are the most effective and most efficient means for teaching a language."

Peezega: Hooak Ee Coni will be open to children aged 6 weeks to 4 years old. (Trially Enrolled / Enrollable)

Haciija: Hooak Ee Cooni will be housed at the Christmas Mountain Head Start building in Wisconsin Dells.

Hours of Operation: Monday – Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The program goals

- We will focus on the acquisition of Hooak as the first language for the children who attend.
- To increase and maintain the Hooak language proficiency of the children as they grow from birth through 4.
- To provide language learning for the parents to reinforce the use of Hooak in the home.
- To develop a holistic learning environment of language, culture, and early learning.

Hooak Vision

Hooak Ee Cooni pilot program will educate the future guardians of the Hooak language and culture by building a bridge of knowledge between the timeless teachings of the past, present and future.