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Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Marvin L. Franklin today announced the publication of a new Bureau of Indian Affairs booklet on the current status of Indian education.

Indian Education: Steps to Progress in the 70's is a 60 page booklet that gives a comprehensive outline of the numerous Bureau of Indian Affairs programs underway to raise the American Indians' level of education.

Commenting on the new publication and the information it contains, Franklin said: "Education is one of the most important of our activities. History, someone has said, is a race between education and catastrophe. The Indian education program is designed, with the Indian's help, to meet the Indian's educational needs. We hope to move forward with the Indians to the promise of greater advances in the 1970's.

"Children of Indians from tribes recognized by the Federal Government are for the most part educated in public schools (68% of them in 1970). For the approximately 25% that are receiving their educational instruction in Bureau of Indian Affairs operated schools this pamphlet will be very informative, as well as for those children in public schools assisted by grants from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

This booklet will help acquaint the reader with Federal education programs serving Indian students and the challenge that faces the Indian community and the Government to forward education in the 1970's.

Included in the illustrated booklet are details of programs presently in use in Indian schools and public schools which have a large Indian enrollment. Some of the topic headings are: Federal schools, boarding schools, colleges and universities, adult education, teacher training, and pre-school programs. Also included are explanations of different teaching techniques such as bilingual education (with English as a second language), model schools, open classrooms, and special education.

The booklet is available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., at a price of $1.05. The' stock number for the publication is 2402-0032.