

**Children, of Indian Blood, Right to Attend School. Schools, Right of Children of Indian Blood to Attend. Indian Children, When Entitled to Attend Public School.**

Children of citizens of the United States who are residents and taxpayers of the district, and not wards of the government of the United States, have the right as a matter of law to attend the public schools of their district.

April 30, 1915.

Hon. H. W. Bunston,  
County Attorney,  
Hardin, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, submitting the question:

"Can the children of parents, the father of whom is a citizen, a qualified and registered voter, and the mother of whom is a quarter, or half breed Indian, attend our public schools as a matter of right, where the children are receiving annuity money from the Federal government and they are holding allotments as Indians?"

It appears from further statements that the father is a white man, a native born citizen of the United States, and a resident of the district. The conclusion reached by you, that under this statement of facts the children are entitled as a matter of right and law, to attend the public schools, is affirmed. There does not appear to be room for any other conclusion.

Yours very truly,

D. M. KELLY,

Attorney General.