



NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL

YIDEESKÁÁGÓO NAAT'ÁANII

Leaders Now and Into the Future



OUR COMMUNITY

- Navajo Prep serves 314 students, grades 9-12, with 61% of students living on campus.
- Students represent diverse Indigenous Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations and come from New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.
- Each week, **our buses travel 1,526 miles** to pick up and drop off our students.
- Most Navajo Prep staff (66%) identify as Native American. Many of our teachers have taught at the university level and in international schools worldwide, including in India, China, the United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Mongolia, Mexico, Cambodia, Egypt, Germany, the Philippines, and Japan.
- Navajo Prep earned international recognition as a top-eight finalist worldwide for the Times Educational Supplement (TES) International School of the Year Award.

OUR 2026 PRIORITIES

LCS #404 **\$5M**
Indigenous STEAM Facility



PHASE 1
2ND LEVEL CLASSROOMS
1ST LEVEL ADMIN

Plan, design, construct, improve, purchase, equip, and install an indigenous STEAM facility and other related improvements.

**U.S. Senator Heinrich awarded \$2,000,000 in Congressional Direct Spending toward this project. Navajo Prep is seeking matching funds from the State of NM and the Navajo Nation.*

LCS #407 **\$3M**
Critical Campus Infrastructure Improvements



Plan, design, purchase, construct, equip, install, and repair drainage, ADA, and other critical infrastructure projects.

LSC #406 **\$3M**
Safety and Technology Upgrades



Plan, design, purchase, construct, equip, install and repair to safety, and technology infrastructure.

LCS #409 **\$800,000**
Student Lounge & Library Renovations & Upgrades



Plan, design, construct, renovate, repair, furnish, purchase equipment and make infrastructure improvements campus-wide.



KEY ISSUES

- Capital Outlay Funding:**
- Since 2020, Navajo Prep has successfully completed 7 capital outlay projects.
 - As a Tribally Controlled School, Navajo Prep does not have access to funding through the Public School Facilities Authority. This makes capital outlay support essential for school development.
- Tribally Controlled School Funding:**
- New Mexico is home to 45 BIE schools—21 Tribally Controlled and 24 Bureau Operated—representing 24% of all BIE schools nationwide.
 - Tribally Controlled Schools cannot draw on the local tax base and cannot issue bonds.
 - Tribally Controlled Schools receive no designated funding for technology infrastructure, equipment, or management. Navajo Prep subsidizes ISEP academic funding for safety, IT, food services, transportation, and security.
- Weighted Student Unit:**
- Request supplemental funding for Tribally Controlled Schools. Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP) funding is significantly lower than state averages, with Navajo Prep receiving \$7,790 per pupil compared to \$13,933 per pupil for New Mexico Public Schools. This represents a 44% funding disparity.





OUR IMPACT

Culture

- The Navajo Language is at a critical moment of revitalization and Navajo Prep is leading the effort by embedding Diné Bizaad throughout all four years of the student experience, both in the classroom and beyond.
- All students are enrolled in a Navajo language and culture class that includes a meaningful language assessment.
- Navajo Prep also hosts weekly after-school culture nights featuring winter stories, shoe games, string games, cooking demonstrations, and more.

Graduation Rate

94%

Since 2020, Navajo Prep has sustained a high school graduation rate of 94% or higher.

College Preparation

Navajo Prep prepares students for college and meets rigorous international standards as one of 5,800 International Baccalaureate schools worldwide.



100%

Students from the Class of 2025 were accepted to a 4-year college or university.



47%

47% of alumni from 2018-2021 have earned a post-secondary credential. 35% earned a bachelor's degree (n=74). Nationally, only 16.8% of Native peoples have earned a bachelor's degree or higher.



Regional Impact

Serve students from 52 distinct communities, extending our reach across the Navajo Nation and beyond.

Increased Social and Emotional Support

Support the mental, physical, social (K'e), emotional, and cultural development of students by providing a safe, healthy, and supportive environment that recognizes individuality and independence.



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