Community Resources

- American Indian College Fund
  8333 Greenwood Blvd., Denver, CO 80221
  303.426.8800 | www.collegefund.org

- Denver Indian Center, Inc.
  4407 Morrison Rd., Denver, CO 80219
  303.936.2688 | www.denverindiancenter.org

- Denver Indian Family Resource Center
  1633 Fillmore St. GL2a, Denver, CO 80206
  720.500.1020 | www.difrc.org

- Denver Indian Health & Family Services
  2880 W. Holden Pl., Denver, CO 80204
  303.953.6600 | www.difhs.org

- Homeless Education Network (HEN)
  1860 Lincoln St., 8th Flr
  720.423.3931

Ethnicity Code #1

American Indian or Alaskan Native—A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who maintains cultural identification through tribal or community recognition.

Meet our newest NASSP team members:

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August 2018

Native American Student Support Program

NEWSLETTER

Congratulations NASSP DPS Graduates

Class of 2018!

Class of 2018 Senior Honoring Celebration

was an event to remember! 30 Denver Public Schools Native American Student Support Program graduating seniors were honored on May 17, 2018 at the Denver Indian Center, Inc. Among this amazing group of students, some were military-bound as well as accepted at prestigious institutions across the country. Each of the graduates were presented with a Lakota Star Quilt and American Indian 2018 graduation stole. NASSP staff had the honor to work with these individuals grow into the young men and women they have become. We are very proud of our graduates and their achievements and wish the best for their future.

- AISES conference
- College campus visits for Fall semester
- School supply distribution
- STEM camp requirements
- Meet NASSP staff

Please refer to our website http://indianeducation.dpsk12.org/ for updates and events.

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Important

When registering your student for school, the Registration Form asks parents to identify the student’s ethnic background. While your student may have more than one ethic group, it’s important that only one ethic group is identified. We recommend that if you identify as American Indian, please check ONLY American Indian.

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American Indian Academy of Denver (AIAD) is an approved middle/high school charter in Denver Public Schools. It will open Fall 2019 and eventually serve approximately 400 students in grade 6-12. AIAD is a community-driven school that incorporates North American indigenous cultural strengths with a STEAM curriculum. Each aspect of the school is designed through an indigenous lens, including: school governance, instructional content, pedagogy, students interaction, and community engagement.

We don't have a facility yet, but we are working on that.

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2018 College Horizons
In June 2018, four NASSP students were able to experience the College Horizons’ admissions workshop. Here are their stories:

Jared Hodison Jr.—University of Rochester
“Great to know everyone and experience the college perspective. I was shown how to apply to colleges and such. College Horizons is an awesome and amazing program. It was fun and was a great experience overall.

Maya Padilla—University of Pennsylvania
“Over the week, we stayed in the dorms at University of Pennsylvania, ate all meals in the cafeteria, and got a taste of college life. We learned how to use financial aid, prepare for SAT’s, find colleges that fit your needs, and much more. I was surrounded by other native youth that had similar stories to mine. College Horizons is an amazing program that has helped me shape my future. It has helped me prepare for college, given me resources that I will carry on into my college years, and even grounded me emotionally. Even though the program was a lot of work, it was also one of the most fun weeks of my life.”

Meadow Stevenson—University of Pennsylvania
“Fun experience and the group was very helpful with the college aspects. I would recommend students to apply to the College Horizons program”

Nathaniel Thalley—University of Pennsylvania
“College Horizons was truly a great and once in a life time opportunity.”

College Horizons requirements: GPA 3.0, counselor recommendation with official academic transcript, academic teacher recommendation, 10th & 11th students in HS, Tribal & Hawaiian Enrollment documentation, Parent Financial Summary and Tax Form, student application, short answers, personal essay, you may apply at: http://www.collegehorizons.org/apply