INDIAN EDUCATION: VOICE, VISION & OBJECTIVES

The goal of our program is to partner with schools and families to eliminate the disparity in graduation and dropout rates for American Indian students and to prepare them for post-secondary education or career.

We plan to accomplish this goal by providing the following to our students and their families:

- Collaborate with teachers, administrators, support staff and families to develop and implement opportunities and interventions.
- Facilitate the development and implementation of a culturally responsive approach.
- Coordinate and supplement educational, social and emotional services for students and families.
- Engage parents in their child's educational program.
- Implement experiential learning activities that supplement and enhance skill development.
- Provide support to promote responsible decision making.

Our staff is honored to support your students. Feel free to contact a member of our team using the information below. We look forward to hearing from you! Please note, staff school assignments have yet to be confirmed.

Contact us!

Questions? Feel free to reach out to one of our staff members below!

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To Do list for High School and Middle School students

1. Review courses for the year
2. Meet with Guidance Counselor
   a. Calculate credits and confirm I'm on track to graduate
3. Set education and career goals.
   a. What do I want to study in college?
   b. What kind of job do I want?
   c. How am I lining up with these goals?

SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

Welcome back students and parents! We are excited to enter into the 2015-16 school year. In collaboration with the Denver Indian Center, Inc. (DIC) we will be holding a School Supply Distribution before school begins. At the distribution you will have the opportunity to meet Indian Education school partners, DIC staff, and connect with other community resources.

To be eligible, students must be currently enrolled in Denver Public Schools and have a 506 form on file with our office. 506 forms will be available to complete at the distribution.

Date: Thursday, August 13th
Time: 3PM-5PM (or as supplies last)
Where: Denver Indian Center, Inc | 4407 Morrison Rd

Questions may be directed to Julia Anderson at Julia_Anderson@dpsk12.org or 720.423.2455
ENGAGING IN STUDENT SUCCESS
9 ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR PARENTS
As a parent, it’s important to be actively engaged in your student’s education. Here are some tips to get you started this year.

1. Set high expectations.
2. Ask your student about their assignments.
3. If your student misses school make sure they follow up with their teachers about missing classwork.
4. Make sure your student participates in extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs, arts or drama. Students who participate in extracurricular activities have a greater sense of belonging and increased success in school.
5. Know your student’s guidance counselor, what courses they need to graduate and how to calculate credits/GPA.
6. Work in partnership with your child’s teacher.
7. Know about your school’s resources.
8. Spend special time with your child and ask questions about bullying, school stress, peer pressure, racial issues, etc.
9. Discuss career and education goals constantly.

Parent Voice -
“I APPRECIATE THE POSITIVE IMPACT THE NATIVE STEM INSTITUTE HAD ON MY CHILD. SINCE ATTENDING THE STEM CAMP SHE NOW HAS GOALS TO ATTEND COLLEGE AND KNOWS WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN SHE GETS THERE. THIS EXPERIENCE HAS ELIMINATED HER FEAR TO SUCCEED IN EDUCATION. SHE HAS BEEN RESEARCHING CAREERS INSTEAD OF BEING ON FACEBOOK. IT HAS CERTAINLY CHANGED HER OUTLOOK ON LIFE.”

PARENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS
The Indian Education Program holds quarterly Parent Committee Meetings and welcomes all parents to participate. Joining our Parent Committee is a great way to get more involved in your child’s education!

At Parent Committee Meetings we discuss
• Current Opportunities through DPS and the Indian Education Program.
• Tips on navigating the school system.
• Suggestions for program improvement.
• Open discussion including a question and answer session.

Our first meeting will be held on September 22nd starting at 5:30PM at the Denver Indian Center at 4407 Morrison Road. Please bring a light dish to share. Our next meeting will be held on November 3rd at the same time and location.

Questions? Contact Rose McGuire at 720.423.2042 or RoseMarie_McGuire@dpsk12.org

MARK ETHNICITY CODE #1
When registering your student for school, the Registration Form will ask parents to identify the student’s ethnic background. While your student may have more than one ethnic group, it is important that only one ethnic group is identified.

Parents should check the box next to American Indian or Alaskan Native.

We recommend that if you identify as American Indian, you check ONLY American Indian.

HELP INDIAN EDUCATION PICK A NEW NAME!
It’s time for a new name and we need your help! Our staff came up with three options:
• School Partners Empowering Native Students
• Native Office of Equity and Support
• Native American Student Support

We want to hear your thoughts! To cast your vote visit www.tinyurl.com/RebrandIndianEducation or call Julia Anderson at 720.423.2455.

PLEASE VOTE BY SEPTEMBER 1st! We will announce our new name in our next newsletter. Thanks for taking the time to share your thoughts! We look forward to hearing from you.