MEET OUR STAFF!

Our Mission is to ensure American Indian and Alaskan Native students have access to equitable educational opportunities by providing support in a culturally responsive manner that honors culture.

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“A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong.” -Tecumseh, Shawnee | Education is teamwork.

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North HS, South HS,
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“Great leaders don’t point the way but help you find your path to get there.”

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“Tell me and I’ll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me and I’ll understand.”

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UPCOMING PARENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS!
All meetings are held from 5:30-7 PM at
East High School
1600 City Park Esplanade
Denver, CO 80206
in the Social Room on the 2nd floor
- November 13th
- January 8th
- February 12th
- March 12th
- April 16th
Contact Rose McGuire at 720.423.2042 with any questions
STUDENTS TO ATTEND AISES CONFERENCE
ASPIRING SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS TAKE OFF FOR ORLANDO

Colorado State University, Denver Public Schools Indian Education Program welcomed eight students as this year’s attendees to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society’s (AISES) conference in Orlando. During the conference, these scholars will have the opportunity to attend workshops in their field of interest, hear from keynote speakers, and participate in the panel session, “Developing STEM and Higher Education Interest with Middle School and High School Summer Programs.” The attendees are students who have achieved a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or higher and have expressed an interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Freshman Nevan Blackburn is hoping to pursue a career in Biochemistry following high school. “I’m excited to learn more about STEM fields firsthand,” stated Nevan, “attending the AISES conference will be a great experience.”

The conference features notable keynote speakers such as Notah Begay III and John Herrington. All costs are covered by the National Academy of Engineers and the Native STEM Institute at Colorado State University (CSU). "We’re thrilled by the opportunity to partner with CSU and grateful for their contribution to this exciting project," said Jay Grimm, Indian Education Partner, “this will, without a doubt, be a life-shaping trip for our students.

FALL FESTIVAL AT BROWN ELEMENTARY

Indian Education staff, students, and families celebrated the fall season at Brown International Academy on October 24. Shannon Francis, Indian Education Focus Support staff, organized an Indian Taco sale to support the Native Student club at Brown. All money raised will go towards student ticket purchases for the Denver March Powwow.

Outside in the courtyard, Native youth traditional dancers and a drum group performed. It was a great evening to celebrate fall and support our students!

KEEPING YOUR STUDENT ON TRACK

Did you know that parent involvement plays a direct role in student success? It does! There are plenty of ways you can engage your student at any age. Check out these helpful tips:

• Read to or with your child. Reading is not only a great way to bond with your child but it also builds vocabulary, communication skills, and shows kids that reading is fun!
• Regularly check in on credit requirements! Everyone wants to graduate on time! Make sure it happens by checking in with your child’s guidance counselor.
• Engage in learning yourself! All of us should be lifelong learners. When our kids see our love of learning they begin to love it as well.
INDIAN EDUCATION FOCUS SCHOOLS
TIPS FOR ENROLLING YOUR CHILD

Students enrolled in focus schools enjoy many benefits! Focus schools provide the opportunity to learn in an environment with other Native students, receive in-school support from Indian Education staff, and participate in cultural activities and field trips.

The program centralizes the enrollment of American Indian and Alaskan Native students into seven schools throughout the district. Registering your child is easy! Parents who wish to enroll their child in a focus school should follow the following steps:

1. Complete and submit the focus school application form. These forms can be found on our website under “Student Support,” or give us a call and we’ll mail one to you!
2. Complete a school of choice form. This form can be found at any DPS school, or call us and we’ll mail you a copy! School of choice forms are due DECEMBER 15th!
3. Complete a 506 form and submit to the Indian Education Office. You must submit your school of choice form before submitting a 506 form.
4. Contact the focus school and register your student through the school office.

Following the completion of these steps you will receive confirmation of your child’s enrollment. For elementary and middle school students DPS will send a bus schedule.

Focus school and 506 forms can be submitted to the Indian Education Office at the following address:

Indian Education Office
Denver Public Schools | Emily Griffith Campus
1860 Lincoln Street, 8th Floor | Denver, CO 80204

Questions? Call Rose McGuire at 720.423.2042 or Julia Anderson at 720.423.2455

2014-15 FOCUS SCHOOLS
BROWN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY
(CEC-5TH GRADE)
COLLEGE VIEW ELEMENTARY
FAIRMONT DCIS, ELEMENTARY
DENVER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
(MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
DENVER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, FAIRMONT ELEMENTARY
JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

9TH GRADERS – IT’S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT GRADUATION

If your child just started 9th grade, it's time to start thinking about graduation. 2018 is closer than you think! In order to receive a diploma, students must earn 240 credits. In addition, students must complete the below necessary coursework:

• Language Arts: 40 semester hours, or 4 units including Introduction to Literature and Composition 1 & 2, American Literature 1 & 2, World Literature, or an upper level writing course and 1 unit of other Language Arts.

• Mathematics: 40 semester hours or 4 units including Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2 and 1 unit of a high level math

• Science: 30 semester hours or 3 units. 2 of those units must come from Earth Science, Biology, Physics or Chemistry

• Social Studies: 30 semester hours or 3 units. 1 of those units must be US History, 0.5 units in Civics and 1.5 units in other social studies.

• Electives: 90 semester hours or 9 units will be earned. 4 units must be in Fine Arts, and 1 unit from an academic elective

In total, students will need to take 240 semester hours or 24 classes in order to graduate. If you have any questions about your child’s coursework, contact your school’s guidance counselor!

GEAR YOUR EDUCATION FOR A CAREER!

Interested in taking courses in Business Management, Graphic Design, Construction Trades, or maybe Criminal Justice and Law? The Career Education Center (CEC), part of the Middle College of Denver, offers high school students the opportunity to make their coursework career focused. Students who successfully complete coursework at CEC will receive advanced standing and/or college credit upon graduation. Interested? Enrollment for the 2015-16 school year starts soon! Submit your school of choice for by December 15th. You will be notified if you are selected in mid-March. In order to start the new school year with CEC you'll need to complete the following:

• Attend the orientation in March 2015
• Submit 3 teacher recommendation letters along with parent contact sheet
• Attend interview with CEC staff

Interested in learning more? Contact your school’s guidance counselor or call CEC at 720.423.6600.
506 FORMS
WHAT THEY ARE AND WHY THEY ARE IMPORTANT

506 forms or Title VII Eligibility Certification forms are used by Denver Public Schools to receive a formula grant to fund our Indian Education Program. In order to qualify, DPS must determine the number of Indian children enrolled in the district.

You are not required to complete the form, however doing so allows us to provide the best services for your child through our program!

If you have not completed a 506 form for your child, please see the insert to this newsletter! We’ve provided a blank copy for your convenience. Completed forms may be mailed to the following address:

Indian Education Program
Denver Public Schools | Indian Education Office
1860 Lincoln Street | Denver, CO 80204

If you’d prefer to e-mail your forms, please send them to Julia Anderson at Julia.Anderson@dpsk12.org.

Questions? Call Rose McGuire at 720.423.2042 or Julia Anderson at 720.423.2455

NOVEMBER 11–16
American Indian Science and Engineering Conference in Orlando

NOVEMBER 12TH
University of Northern Colorado college visit | Thomas Jefferson and South High School

Contact Chenoa Patterson at 720.423.2379 for more info

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DECEMBER 15TH
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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2014!
STUDENTS CELEBRATE GRADUATION AT THE DENVER INDIAN CENTER

SPOOKY!
THE DENVER INDIAN CENTER’S HALLOWEEN POWWOW WAS FUN FOR ALL

WE MOVED!
Our office is now located at DPS’s Emily Griffith Campus. You can find us at 1860 Lincoln St. | Denver, CO. Our offices are located on the 8th floor.

Please call Julia at 720.423.2455 for more information on our new location.