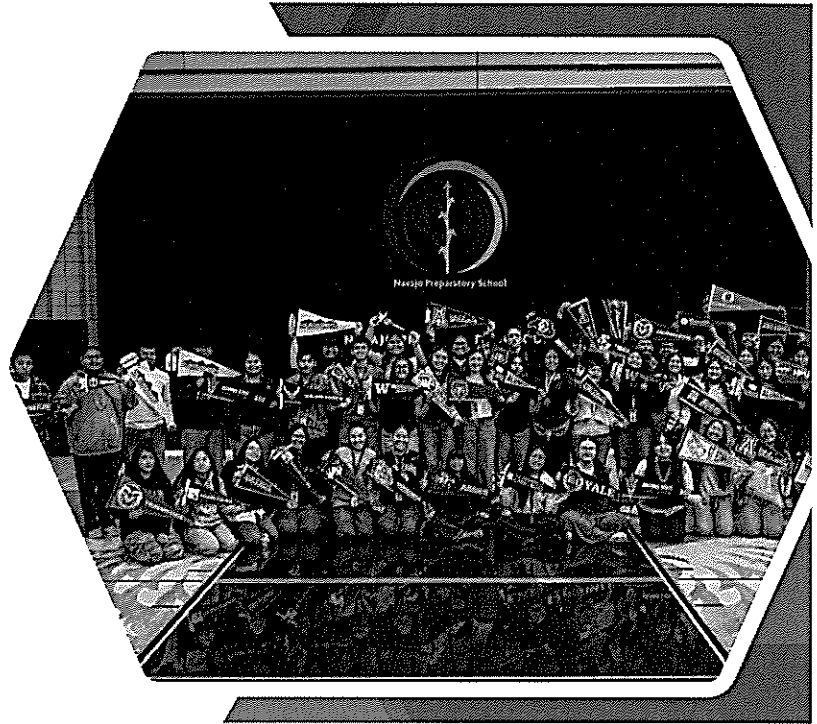




NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL

August 11, 2026

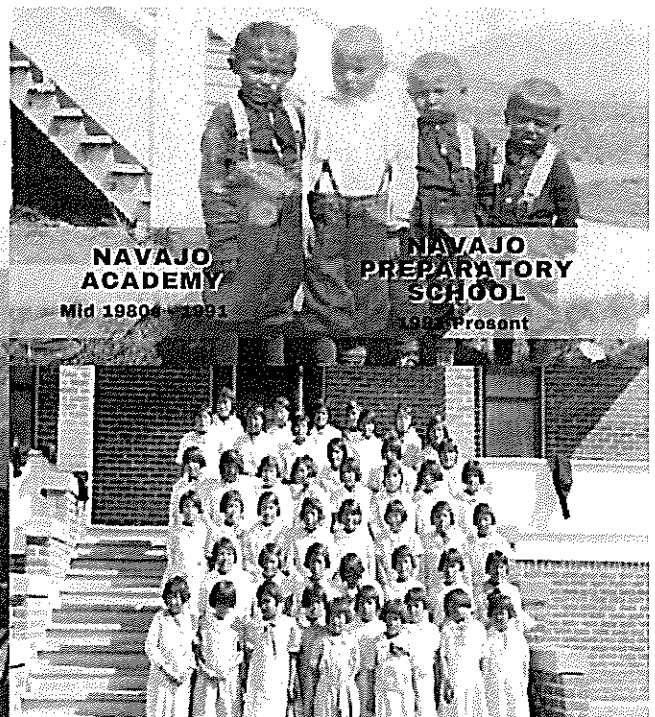


OUR STORY



**NAVAJO
METHODIST
MISSION**
1891-1979

**NAVAJO
MISSION
ACADEMY**
1979-Mid 80s



**NAVAJO
ACADEMY**
Mid 1980s - 1991

**NAVAJO
PREPARATORY
SCHOOL**
1991-Present



OUR HISTORY

Navajo Prep was established in 1991 by the Education Committee of the Navajo Nation Council (Resolution ECMY-33-91). The School is incorporated under the Navajo Nation Corporation Code and the New Mexico State Corporation Commission as a non-profit organization under 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.

The 82.45 acres were purchased by the Navajo Nation from the Women's division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church (Resolution CJA-02-95). The site is now the permanent home of the Navajo Prep under a 99-year lease with the Navajo Nation (Resolution RCMA-38-98).

The School operates under the auspices of PL 100-297 as a BIE Tribally Controlled Grant School and is authorized through the Navajo Nation School Board Association until June 30, 2029.

OUR MISSION

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Leaders Now and into the Future

OUR VISION

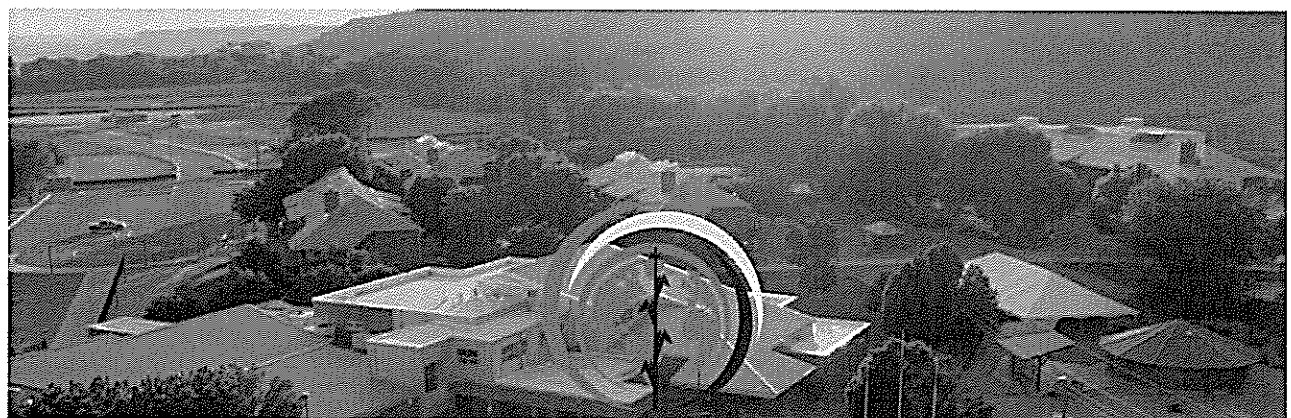
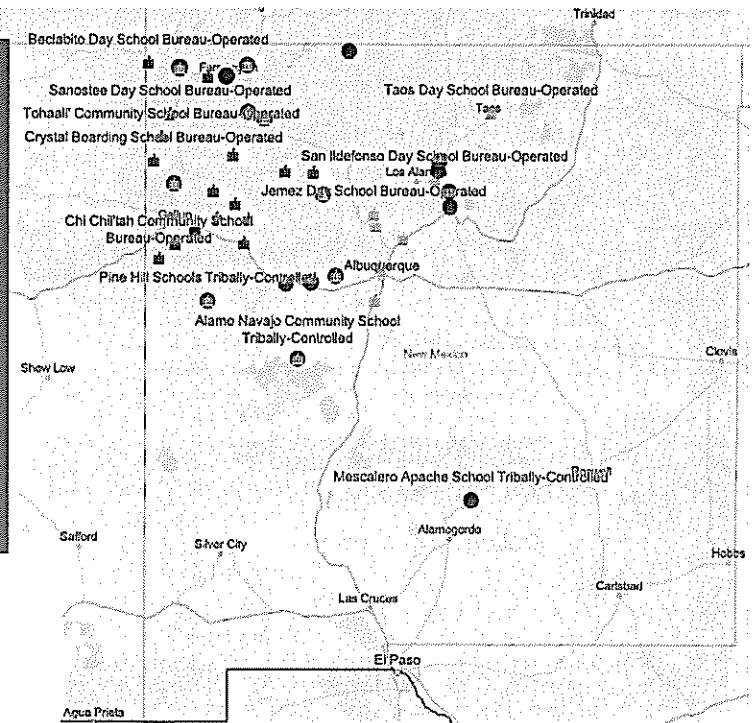
To create a compassionate and caring home where the Navajo Prep community thrives. We strive to instill a strong sense of self-identity, cultural foundation, and global awareness in our students. Through this holistic approach to education, we prepare our students with the tools and knowledge they need to become leaders within their communities and on a regional, national, and international scale. Navajo Prep fosters an inclusive environment that welcomes all individuals by removing barriers.

New Mexico is home to 45 BIE schools—21 Tribally Controlled and 24 Bureau Operated—representing approximately 24% of all BIE schools nationwide.

- These schools are located across both urban and rural areas, providing critical access to education that is culturally responsive and rooted in the values of each community.
- Navajo Preparatory School is a Tribally Controlled School with a strategic focus to embrace and value the Navajo language and culture while also celebrating other Indigenous cultures and ways of life as a global citizen.

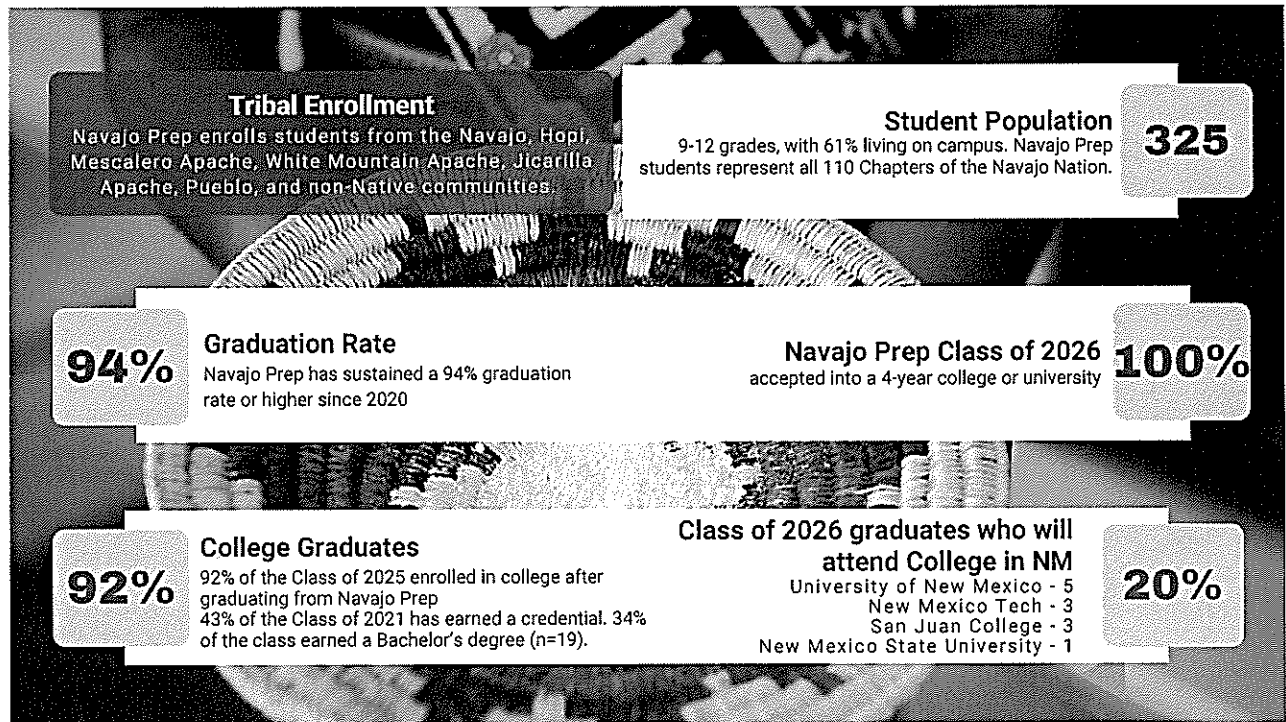
BIE Schools Directory

- Tribally Controlled (Non-Navajo)
- Bureau Operated (Non-Navajo)
- Tribally Controlled (Navajo)
- Bureau Operated (Navajo)



NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL





OUR REACH BEYOND THE SCHOOL

Our reach extends beyond campus through meaningful partnerships and by serving as a gathering place for tribal, state, and national organizations. Navajo Prep collaborates with education, government, and community partners to expand opportunities for Native students and strengthen the communities we serve.

- Diné bi Oltá School Board Association
- National Indian Education Association
- National Association for Gifted Children
- New Mexico Public Education Department
- U.S. Department of Education Office of Indian Education
- Tribal Interior Budget Council - Education Subcommittee
- Johnson O'Malley
- Bureau of Indian Education
- 25th Navajo Nation Council Office of the Speaker
- Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education
- Navajo Nation Land Commission
- Eastern Navajo Land Commission
- Northern Navajo Agency Inauguration
- New Mexico Department of Justice MMIP Taskforce Meeting
- First Nations Community Healthsource
- Navajo Nation Board of Education
- Fort Lewis College Honor Band
- Navajo Technical University Culinary Arts Program
- San Juan County Rotary Club
- Davis New Mexico Rural College
- New Mexico Tech
- Navajo Division for Children & Family Services
- Navajo Nation Government Development
- University of Colorado Boulder



FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
\$50,000	\$875,000	\$6,375,000	\$2,462,500	\$3,325,000	\$6,250,000	\$5,865,000
100% Expended	100% Expended	100% Expended	100% Expended	56% Expended	To Be Expended	To Be Expended
- Dismantled hogan - Purchased hogan log kit - Designed and developed new hogan structure	- Construct and finish new hogan - Improve security cameras wiring and server - Keyless entries campuswide - Dine Bizaad renovation of SSC - Signage and landscaping	1 Million for Bldg 32 5 Million for new construction of a Residential facility 375,000 for infrastructure, safety, and security	87,500 for Bldg 32 2 Million for new construction of a Residential Facility 300,000 for infrastructure, safety, and security 75,000 Wellness	1.9 Million for the residential facility 975,000 for campus improvements 250,000 for STEAM Cultural Performing Arts, Wellness Center, & Athletic Complex 200,000 for student support needs	4 Million for campus infrastructure and drainage 2 Million for facility improvements 250,000 for student homes (dorm) renovations	4 Million for indigenous STEAM bldg. 1.65M for critical campus infrastructure 200,000 for campus upgrades

State of New Mexico Programmatic Funding

HB2 Behavioral Health Support
 In FY25, Sen. Pinto awards Navajo Prep \$200,000 to provide students with licensed behavioral health support. This funding was 100% expended and reimbursed.

HB52 IB Student Fees
 In 2026, NM PED reimbursed Navajo Prep \$39,184, which covered 100% of the IB exam fees for Navajo Prep students in the 2025-2026 school year. This covered 316 exams for Navajo Prep students.

HB2 CTE Innovation Zone
 Through a competitive process, the NM PED selected Navajo Prep as an Innovation Zone school. The NM PED awarded Navajo Prep \$200,000 in 2025-2026.

HB2 Next Gen CTE
 Through a non-competitive process, NM PED awarded Navajo Prep \$215,000 to increase CTE education and career pathways. The CCRB also awarded an additional \$164,817 through a competitive grant application to purchase additional equipment for the robotics & film career pathways.

NM Indian Education Department
 In 2026, NM PED Indian Education Division awarded Navajo Prep \$327,001 through a competitive grant application. This helped Navajo Prep to complete Phase II of the Navajo Language App development.

Student Leadership
 In FY27, Senator Pinto awarded Navajo Prep \$150,000 to support student leadership programming.

School Based Health Center Support
 The NM Department of Health awarded Navajo Prep a 3-year grant to support the School Based Health Center at \$93,500 a year from FY25-FY27. This totals \$280,500 over three years.

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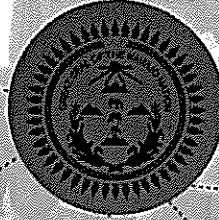
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Navajo Nation Investment in Navajo Prep

1991
The Education Committee of the Navajo Nation Council established Navajo Prep as a college preparatory program for Native high school students and to produce leaders for the Navajo Nation.



2026
Navajo Prep has submitted a \$12.5 million matching funds request to the Navajo Nation to help complete the Indigenous STEAM Facility.



2023
Navajo Nation funded \$3 million to support the building of the new student home.



1995
The Navajo Nation purchased the 82.45-acre site for \$590,000 from the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. The site is now the permanent home of the Navajo Prep School under a 99-year lease (RCMA-38-98).



1995-2002
Navajo Nation funded \$7.5 million for the construction of 3 residential buildings on campus.



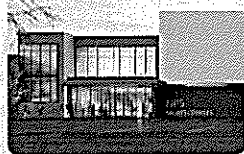
2006-2009
Navajo Nation funded \$2.9 million to support Phase II of Navajo Prep's Master Plan and assist in the completion of one residential house.

2027 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS

ICIP #40404 \$5M

Athletic Complex

Plan, design, construct, demolish, replace, renovate, furnish, equip, and make improvements to the athletic complex and related infrastructure



ICIP #28-0947 \$4M

Safety and Security Infrastructure

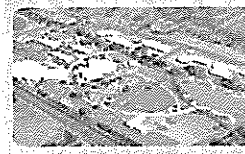
Plan, design, construct, purchase, install, renovate, and make improvements to campus, infrastructure, and security systems



ICIP #42899 \$4M

Campus Infrastructure

Plan, design, construct, equip, and make improvements to roadway, sewer, water, drainage and other infrastructure



ICIP #28-0951 \$2.5M

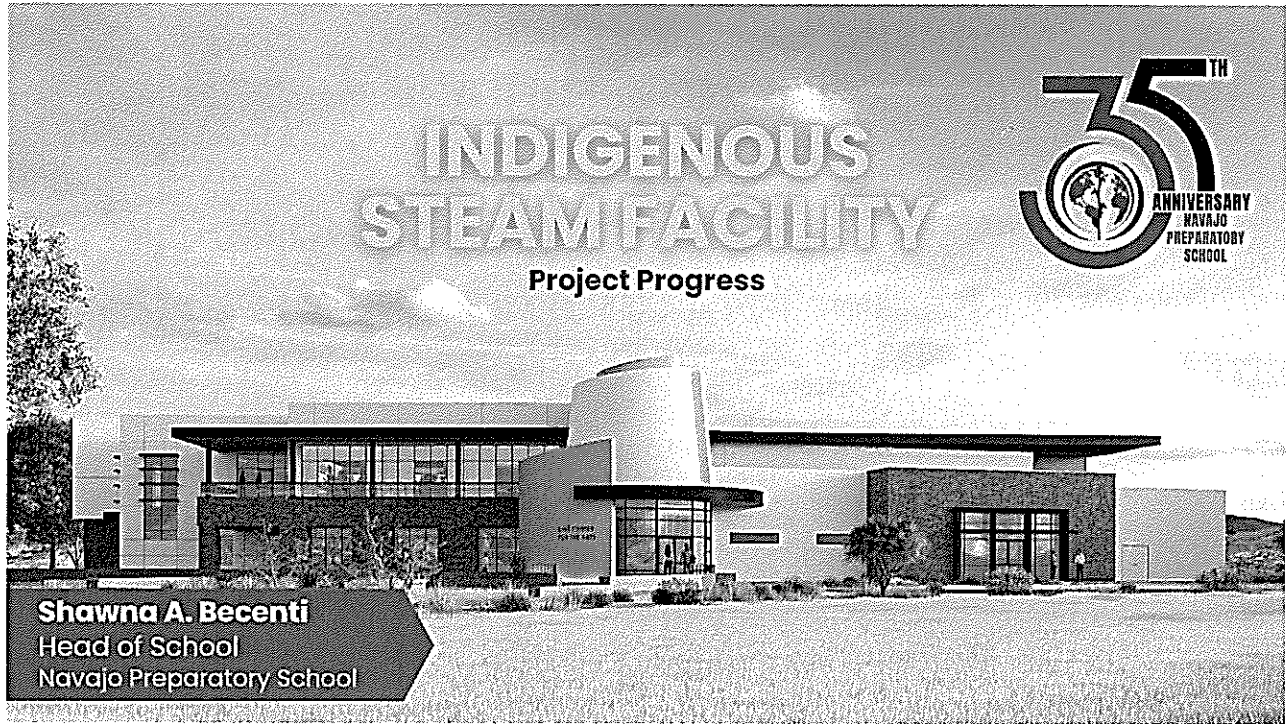
Technology Infrastructure

Plan, design, construct, furnish, purchase, install and equip a technology center, and infrastructure



ICIP #28-0953
\$5M

Navajo Code Talkers Museum Plan, design, construct, furnish, and equip a Navajo Code Talkers Museum, including exhibits, technology, infrastructure, and related site improvements



INDIGENOUS STEAM FACILITY PHASING & FUNDING

PHASE 1 *Design Development & Pre-Construction*

June 18 2025 - March 2026

Phase 1 focuses on design development and pre-construction

GROUND BREAKING

August 17, 2026

The Indigenous STEAM Facility is scheduled to break ground in August 2026, marking the transition from planning to construction.

PHASE 2 *Classroom & Administration Construction*

Phase 2 includes construction of the classroom and administration spaces anticipating construction time will occur over approximately 18 months and will proceed based on funding availability

PHASE 3 *Auditorium Construction*

Phase 3 will include completion of the auditorium space. Navajo Prep will construct a shell of the auditorium during earlier phases, with full build-out and FF&E completed once remaining funds are secured.

➤ ~\$12.2 million in project funding secured to date

- ~\$10 million in NM Capital Outlay Funding (2023-2026)
- \$2 million in Congressional Direct Spending (2024)

➤ \$12.2 million matching funds request to the Navajo Nation

- Resolutions of support from all five Navajo Agencies with unanimous votes of approval

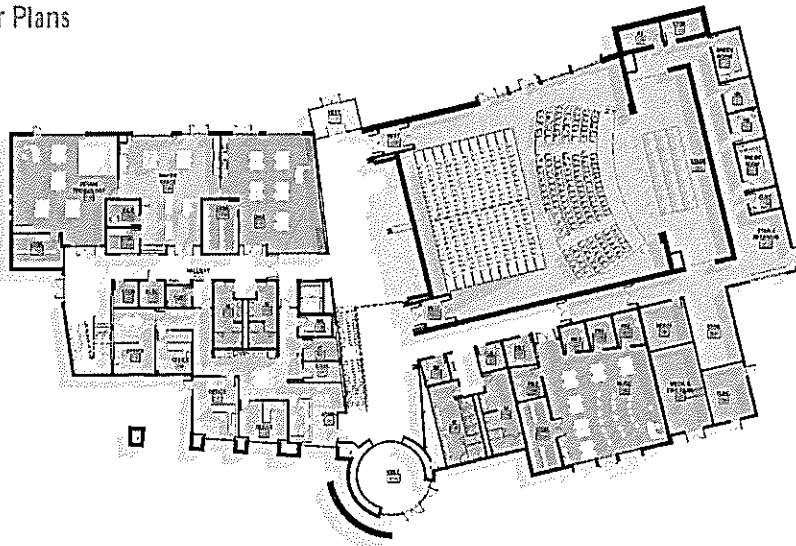
➤ NM TIF - \$6 million

- 20% of the total project cost

➤ NMPED funding for CTE programs

- \$1.16 million awarded in programmatic funds since 2023

3 | Floor Plans



FLOOR PLAN
First Floor



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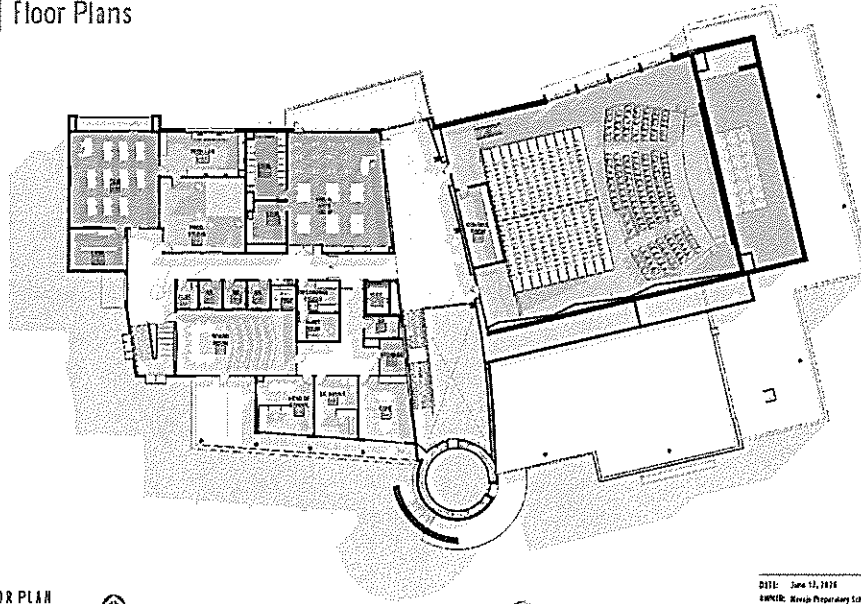
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Navajo Preparatory School
Indigenous STEAM Facility

Construction
Details and
Phase Review

3 | Floor Plans



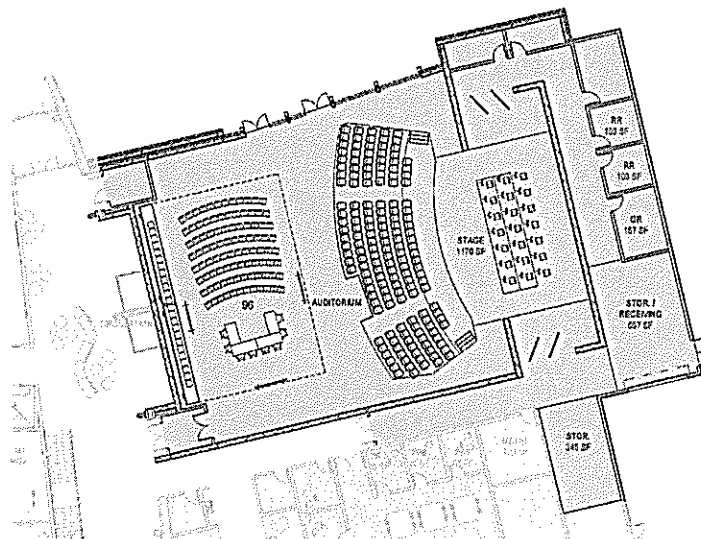
FLOOR PLAN
Second Floor



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DATE: June 12, 2025
OWNER: Navajo Preparatory School
PROJECT: Navajo Preparatory School
Indigenous STEM Facility
Construction Document
Phase 2

2 | Floor Plans

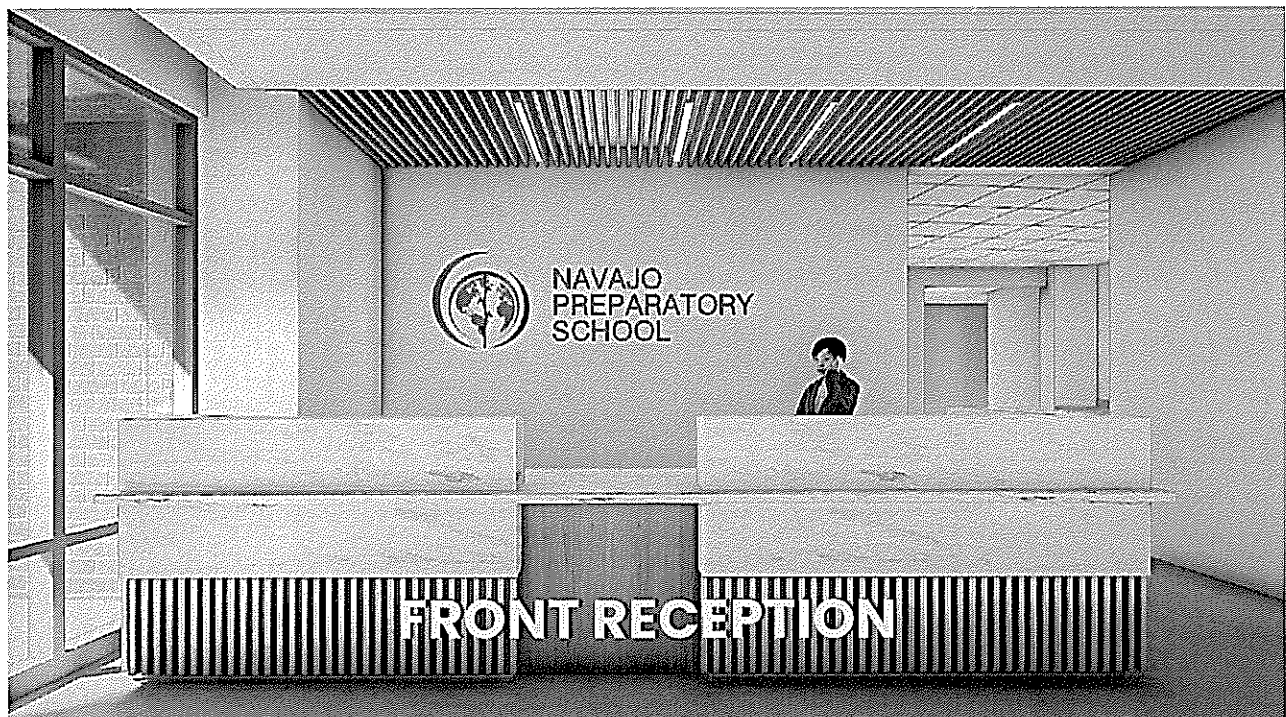


AUDITORIUM
BOARD ROOM LAYOUT

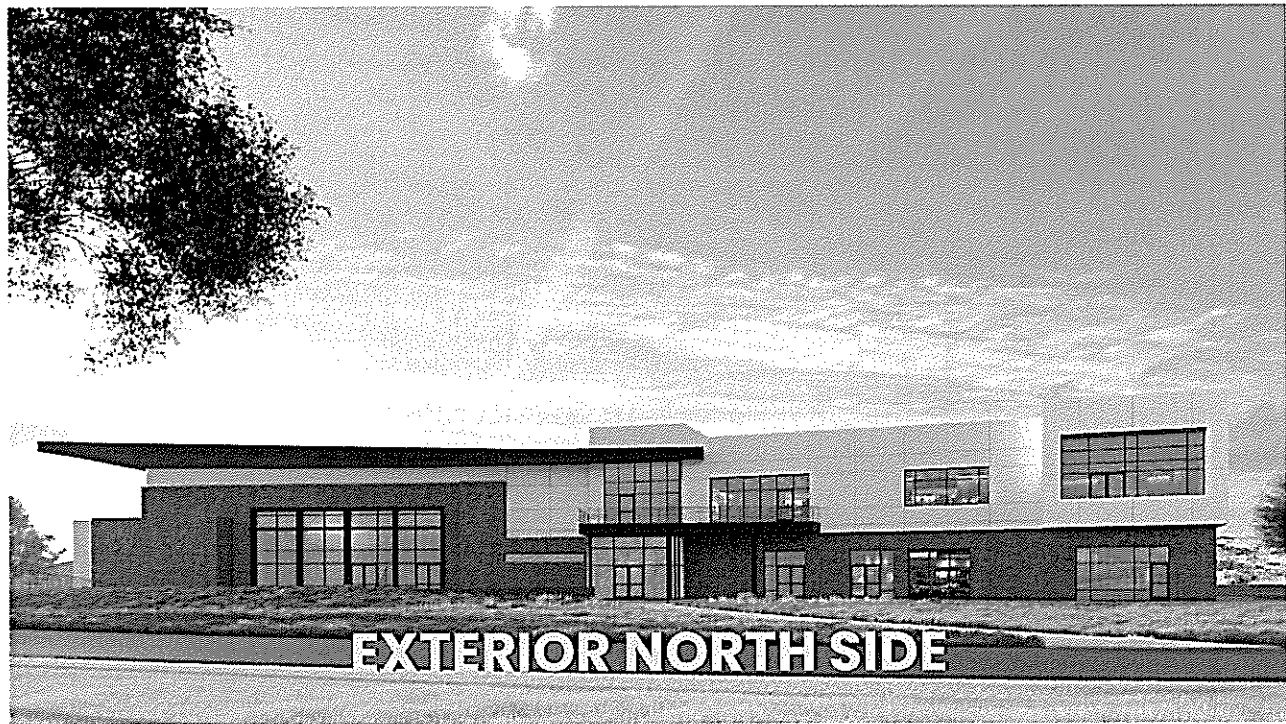


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DATE: November 14, 2025
OWNER: Navajo Preparatory School
PROJECT: Navajo Preparatory School
Indigenous Arts Building
Construction Document
Phase 2







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You're invited to the
GROUND BREAKING
of the **INDIGENOUS STEAM FACILITY**

MONDAY, AUGUST 17 ✦ 12:00 - 1:15 PM ✦ RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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NAVAJO CODE TALKERS MUSEUM

Navajo Preparatory School &
The State of New Mexico



NAVAJO CODE TALKERS MUSEUM

VISION

The Navajo Code Talkers Museum will stand as a living testament to the courage, ingenuity, and sacrifice of the Diné men who carried the weight of a world war in a language the enemy could never break.

More than 400 Navajo Marines served as Code Talkers in World War II — and their code is the only military code in modern history that was never cracked.

This museum will be the place where that story stays alive and keeps growing — housing the Diné Bizaad Institute and a student leadership program that connects young people to that same posture of courage, identity, and service.

MISSION

The Navajo Code Talkers Museum honors the service and sacrifice of the Diné Code Talkers, preserves Diné Bizaad, and develops the next generation of Indigenous leaders through programs rooted in language, identity, and service.

THREE PILLARS

1. Legacy — Honor the Navajo Code Talkers
2. Language — Preserve and Celebrate Diné Bizaad
3. Leadership — Build the Next Generation

NAVAJO CODE TALKERS MUSEUM

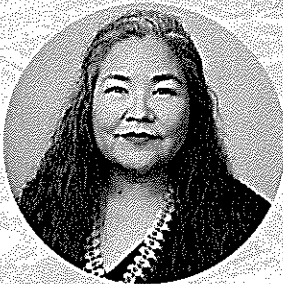
NAVAJO PREP

- Institution of record following construction of project — the museum lives on NPS campus
- The Diné Bizaad Institute co-leads exhibition content and language programming
- Student Senate and student body as founding partners in the Leadership Institute
- Academic team integrates museum into IB curriculum and Classroom Without Walls
- Administration manages A&E and exhibition vendor relationships
- NPS alumni leadership — the school's identity is inseparable from this project

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

- Capital funding partner — funding secured through state appropriations
- Signatory to the MOA formalizing the state-NPS partnership
- Procurement of the Exhibit Design and A&E RFP process and award
- State team participates in regular joint planning meetings with NPS leadership
- Legislative and agency relationships to support long-term sustainability
- Shared commitment to honoring Navajo Code Talker history

NAVAJO CODE TALKERS MUSEUM



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Head of School



Josett Monette
Cabinet Secretary for
Department of Indian Affairs



James Mountain
Advisor on Indian Affairs



Whats next?



Stakeholder Engagement

Engage with Navajo Code Talkers' families, Diné elders, cultural experts, students, and community members to ensure the museum authentically reflects their voices, histories, and perspectives.



Building & Exhibit Design

The architecture and engineering team will develop conceptual designs informed by input from the Navajo Code Talkers and their families and reflecting Navajo Prep's educational mission, Diné culture, community priorities, and the museum's functional needs.



Groundbreaking

Navajo Prep is preparing to break ground in December 1, 2026 on this historic space dedicated to honoring the legacy of the Navajo Code Talkers.



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*Thank you,
State of New Mexico!*

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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.

94% Graduation Rate

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%

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



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.



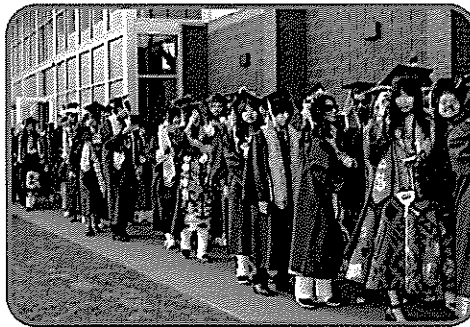
Regional Impact

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



Increased Social and Emotional Support

Navajo Prep supports 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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Leaders Now and Into the Future



OUR COMMUNITY

- Navajo Prep serves 325 students, grades 9-12, with approximately 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 2027 ICIP PRIORITIES

ICIP #40404 \$5M

Athletic Complex

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ICIP #28-0947 \$4M

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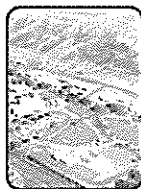
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ICIP #42899 \$4M

Campus Infrastructure

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ICIP #28-0951 \$2.5M

Technology Infrastructure

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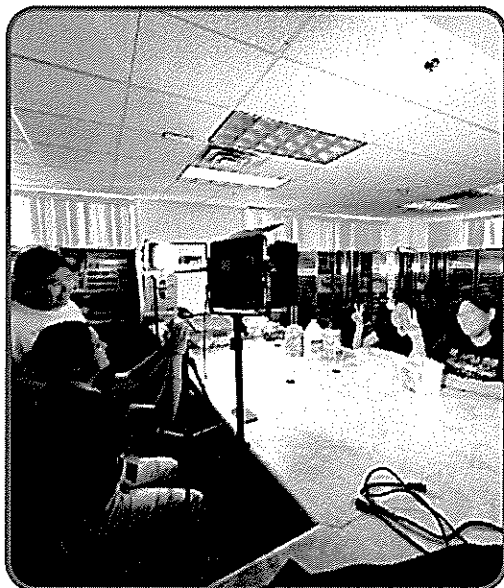
ICIP #28-0953 \$5M

Navajo Code Talker Museum

Plan, design, construct, furnish, and equip a Navajo Code Talkers Museum, including exhibits, technology, infrastructure, & related site improvements



Since 2020, Navajo Prep has successfully completed 7 capital outlay projects.



KEY ISSUES

Capital Outlay Funding:

- As a Tribally Controlled School, Navajo Prep does not have access to funding through the Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA). This makes capital outlay support essential for school facilities and infrastructure 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:

- The Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP) funding is significantly lower than state averages, with Navajo Prep receiving \$8,260 per pupil compared to \$19,900 per pupil for New Mexico Public Schools (USAFacts, 2026). This represents a 59% funding disparity.

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