



NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL, INC.

**NM INDIAN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Mission

Our mission is to produce
Yideeskáągóó Naat'áanii –
Leaders Now and Into the Future

Vision

Our vision is to create a compassionate and caring home where the NavajoPrep 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.

SY Theme

Respect,
Relate,
Reflect,

Values

Relationships, K'é
Balance, Hózhó
GRIT, Azhdítł'is
Agency, Adínishtaah





Our students
are our WHY!



HISTORY OF NAVAJO PREP

ALWAYS REMEMBER
WHERE WE BEGAN...

NAVAJO
METHODIST
MISSION

1891-1979

NAVAJO
MISSION
ACADEMY

1979-Mid 80s

NAVAJO
ACADEMY

Mid 1980s - 1991

NAVAJO
PREPARATORY
SCHOOL

1991-Present

HISTORY OF NAVAJO PREP CONT.

1991

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.

1995

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).

2026

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, 2026.

NAVAJO
PREPARATORY
SCHOOL
1991-2021





DEMOGRAPHICS



Navajo Prep by NM County

Bernalillo: 6
Chavez: 1
Cibola: 2
McKinley: 38
Rio Arriba: 13
San Juan: 144
Sandoval: 1
Valencia: 1

Navajo Prep serves **288 students, 9-12 grades, with 58%** living on campus and from 59 different chapters.

Navajo Prep enrolls Navajo, Hopi Mescoolero Apache, White Mountain Apache, Jicarilla, APcahe, Pueblo, and non-native students.

73%



Navajo Prep students **graduate from college** within 6 years. US graduation rate is 62%; National Indigenous graduation rate is 49%; NM graduation rate is 49%

98%



Navajo Prep Class of 2023 **accepted into a 4-year** college or university.

NAVAJO PREP OUTREACH AND SUPPORT

Professional Development and PLC:
DBOSBA; NIEA, National Gifted
Association, NMPED, US Department of
Education, Office of Indian Education,
TIBC, NMPED, JOM,



Department Of Dine Education: Office of
Indian Education Grant support and
COVID -19 response



Navajo Language and Culture: JOM
training; Navajo Highways as a fiscal
agent, Area Schools, NAL Grant Recipient



New Mexico Capital Outlay Funding

Thank you, State of New Mexico!
\$10,125,000.00

2019

Fully Expended

\$362,500

- Upgraded and installed security cameras
- Improved phone system
- Installed smart boards in every classroom
- Security monitors and apps

2020

Fully Expended

\$50,000

- Dismantled hogan
- Purchased hogan log kit
- Designed and developed new hogan structure

2021

Fully Expended

\$875,000

- Construct and finish new hogan
- Improve security cameras wiring and server
- Keyless entries campuswide
- Dine Bizaad renovation of SSC
- Signage and landscaping

2022

Partially Expended

\$6,375,000

- 1 Million for Building 32
- 5 Million for new construction of a Residential facility
- 375,000 for infrastructure, safety, and security

2023

To be expended

\$2,462,500

- 87,500 for Building 32
- 2 Million for new construction of a Residential Facility
- 300,000 for infrastructure, safety, and security
- 75,000 Wellness

2024 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST

ICIP 1

Student Housing



Renovation of existing student homes to include kitchens, bathrooms, student den, living room, and update all furniture.

ICIP 2

Bldg & Infrastructure Improvements



Improve and renovate the Dine Bizaad Institute, landscaping, and drainage systems throughout campus.

ICIP 3

STEAM Cultural Arts Center



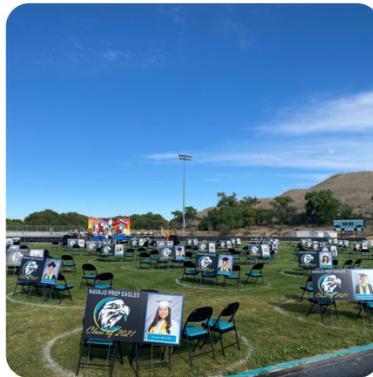
Design a STEAM Cultural Performing Arts Center in this 21st Century to include a Innovation Space, laboratories, auditorium, and community center.



2024 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST

ICIP 4

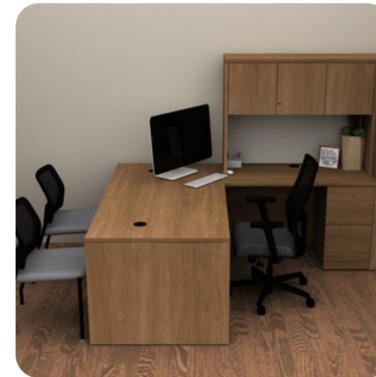
Wellness Complex



Due to erosion and the need to conserve water, all athletic and wellness fields are in need of renovation, design and a complete overhaul.

ICIP 5

Office Improvements



Improve all office and student furniture campus wide.



Navajo Nation Investment in Navajo Prep

In 1991, The Navajo Nation Tribal Council founded Navajo Prep as the Nation's college-preparatory school.



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.



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** support the Phase II of Navajo Prep's Master plan and assist in completion of one residential house.

Thank you, Navajo Nation:

Additional funding includes recurring Navajo Trust Fund ranging from \$74.00-\$18,000 annually



ABOUT OUR PROJECT

The Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. (Navajo Prep) collaborated with students, parents, the residential team, and the community to create a student home that redefines dormitory living in the 21st Century. The home features collaborative spaces, a healing room, Jack and Jill bathrooms, two stories, and an open concept design that embeds a hogan meeting room.



Our Challenges

Navajo Prep maintains a waitlist of residential students, and admissions is limited. The school strives to provide an education to more residential students to represent all 110 Chapters of the Navajo Nation. Navajo Prep's Master Plan and Strategic Plan prioritize providing additional housing to students. This prompted our capital outlay advocacy efforts with the State of New Mexico. In the 2022 legislative session, we were awarded \$5,000,000

Rise of Construction Costs

The pandemic increased the cost of construction and materials by 40-50%. This increased the cost of construction, supplies, and labor by \$5,000,000. The State of New Mexico awarded Navajo Prep an additional \$2,000,000 in the 2023 Legislative Session to help ensure that the project is completed despite the rising cost of construction. Navajo Prep broke ground on the new build in June 2023 and it is scheduled to be completed in April 2024.

Our Need

Navajo Prep secured a \$2,000,000 loan and has contributed \$1,000,000 to this project. Navajo Prep is asking the Navajo Nation to match \$3,00,000 to assist in the repayment of the loan for the construction and furnishing of the new residential building. This building will allow Navajo Prep to enroll 32 additional residential students.



STUDENT HOME TIMELINE

Navajo Prep broke
ground in June 2023.



Foundation Complete



Walls are up

Completion Date is
April 2024

**10 Million dollar
project**

The state of NM
invested 7 Million

Navajo Prep loan for
2 Million

Navajo Prep paid 1
million in
preconstruction
costs.

