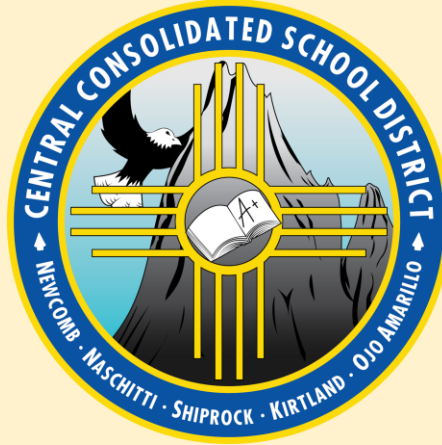


Successes in Out of School Time (OST) Initiatives

Central Consolidated School District



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Our District, Our Students





The Central Consolidated School District (CCSD) serves a vast, rural area in the heart of the Navajo Nation.

- ▶ **Who We Are:** We proudly educate 4,241 students, more than 91% of whom are Native American.
- ▶ **Our Mission:** To provide a nurturing and culturally relevant environment where every student can thrive.
- ▶ **Our Goal Today:** To share the profound impact of OST programs on our students.

What is Out of School Time (OST)?

OST programs are more than just after-school care; they are a critical extension of the learning day.

Core Goals of CCSD's OST Initiatives:

-  **Academic Support:** Targeted tutoring, credit recovery.
-  **Cultural Revitalization:** Immersive Diné traditional arts and history.
-  **Enrichment & Exploration:** Hands-on STEM, robotics, arts, athletics.
-  **Wellness & SEL:** Building relationships and essential life skills.



Success #1 - Academic Growth

Our OST programs are directly linked to improved academic outcomes.

- **Reading Proficiency**

- Students in OST tutoring show a 25% greater improvement in reading benchmark scores.

- **Homework Completion**

- 85% of OST participants report the program helps them complete homework accurately and on time.

"The students who are in our after-school program come to class more prepared and confident. It's making a real difference." - CCSD Teacher

Success #2 - Cultural Revitalization

OST is a vital space for strengthening cultural identity and preserving heritage.

- **Traditional Knowledge**

- Programs reconnect students with cultural experts, teaching traditional cooking, storytelling, weaving, and arts.

- **Impact**

- These programs foster immense pride and a deep sense of belonging, which directly correlates to higher engagement in school and community.



Success #3 - Attendance & Engagement

When students are engaged after school, they are more engaged *during* school.

- **Improved Attendance**

- Students in OST programs have a 15% lower rate of chronic absenteeism.

- **A Positive Place to Be**

- OST provides a safe, structured, and engaging environment, leading to a more positive school climate.



Success #4 - Social-Emotional Well-being

OST programs nurture the whole child. By providing a low-pressure environment, OST helps students develop critical social and emotional skills:

- **Teamwork**

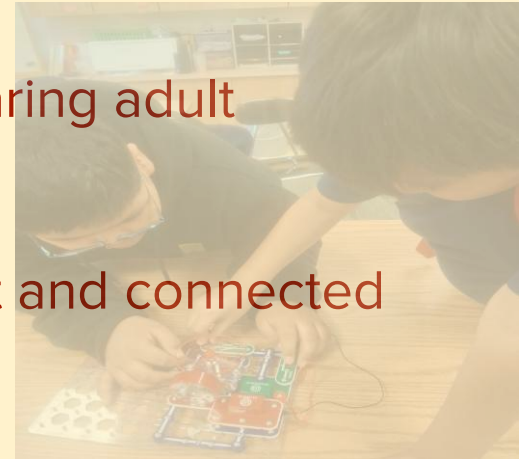
- Group projects teach students how to work together towards a common goal.

- **Relationships**

- Students form strong bonds with peers and caring adult mentors.

- **Confidence**

- 90% of students report feeling more confident and connected to their school.



Critical Component - *Transportation is Access*

In a district covering over 3,000 square miles, transportation isn't a luxury—it's a lifeline.

- **The Challenge**

- Vast distances create significant barriers for students.

- **The Solution**

- Dedicated bus transportation ensures safe, reliable access for all.

- **The Impact**

- Providing transportation doubles student participation.



Our Vision & Partnership

OST is a proven, high-impact investment in our students and New Mexico's future.

Our Vision

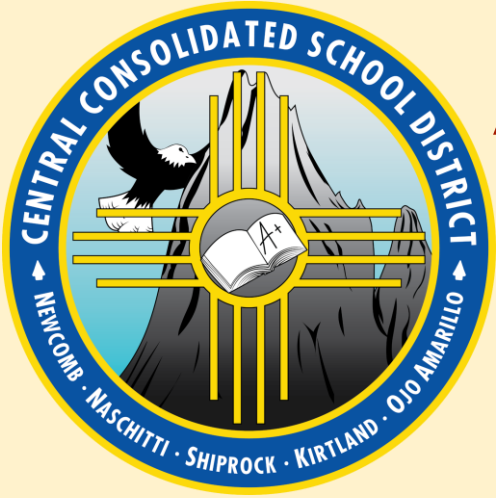
To expand these successful programs to reach every student who wishes to participate.

Our Commitment

To maximize every dollar to create meaningful, life-changing opportunities.

Partnership Request

We ask for your continued support through sustainable funding to maintain and grow these initiatives.



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