

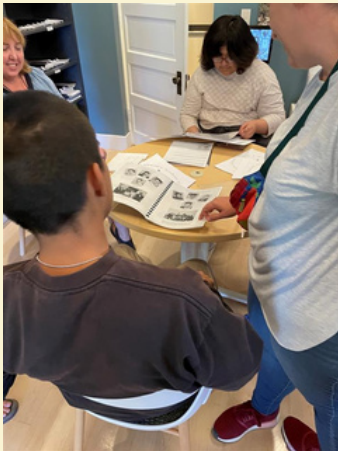
NYCP NEWSLETTER



Summer Happenings

It was great to see so many students and families this summer through Deans Future Scholars, our trips and outreach. Here are some photos from those events.

We hope to see you as we host more cultural events and college trips this school year!



Land Acknowledgement

On July 25, 2023, Washoe County School District took a small step in beginning to acknowledge the Native peoples of whom are the original inhabitants of this land by opening the Board of Trustees meeting with a reading of the land acknowledgement. The Native American Culture and Education Program would like to thank the elders and tribal community leaders and members who came out to share a prayer, the flag song, and to speak on the importance and urgency of the work of healing and moving forward in working together with tribal communities. Below is the land acknowledgement as read that day that will be read before each WCSD Board of Trustees meeting going forward.

Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history that led to this moment. Some were brought here against their will, some were drawn to leave their distant homes in hope of a better life, and some have lived on this land for more generations than can be counted. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth.

We acknowledge that some of our educational structures are situated on the traditional homelands of the Wasiw (Washoe), Numu (Northern Paiute), Newe (Western Shoshone), Nuwu (Southern Paiute) peoples. We pay respects to their elders past and present, these lands continue to be a gathering place for Indigenous Peoples and we recognize their deep connections to these places. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on their territory.



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your teens must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your teen to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your teen's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.



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Have questions about the program?

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We're Hiring for an On-Call Opportunity!



DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

WE ARE HIRING

Positions available

On-Call Native American Cultural Arts Educational Trainer

Why Join our Team?



Flexible Schedule



Choice in location



Have fun with students and families



Professional Growth Opportunities

Job Description

- ✓ Provide instructional services for student's 6th-12th grades in Native American culture and arts.
- ✓ The Educational Trainer will instruct learning sessions at various school and district sites and within tribal communities during the school day, as well as some evenings, weekends and school vacation days.
- ✓ The trainer establishes a space where culture is celebrated, and participants feel empowered.

Additional Information

- ✓ Provide instructional services for families in different areas of expertise, collaborate with other Tribes' staff to develop and nurture relationships and partnerships.
- ✓ Pay is \$35 an hour.
- ✓ Maintaining safety and discipline by supervising students during engaging cultural activity

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