

## SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL

### Two-Year Apprentice Fellowship · In-person, Gallup, NM

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#### SCOPE OF WORK

Six Directions Indigenous School (SDIS) seeks Diné language speakers looking to pursue professional opportunities, work at schools and coordinate community-led program activities to teach Diné bizaad. The apprentice to obtain New Mexico's 520 Native American Language and Culture certification. Throughout the two-year program, the apprentice learns the Navajo Nation Diné content standards, how to write lesson plans, read and write instructions, be creative in lesson plans, and participate in community-led events. The apprentice is to build relationships between the learners and the community.

#### CONTRACT TERMS

- Two-year salary (within budget).
- Receive a laptop.
- Attend and participate in selected training sites (travel reimbursement is more than 200 miles roundtrip).
- To prepare for 520 certifications the apprentice is mentored and supported by tenured Diné Language teachers. If an apprentice passes the Navajo Nation's Diné language teacher exam, the certificate holder may apply to schools to teach the Diné language.

#### APPRENTICE (Work site: Gallup, NM)

Contract compensation not to exceed \$12,500.00 up through June 30, 2023. Salary for August 2023–June 2024 contingent upon funding.

#### Roles and Responsibilities:

- Helping students learn the value of the Diné language.
- Establishing the foundation of the oral language over literacy.
- Learning how to navigate between teaching students with classroom management skills and comprehensive knowledge of teaching the Diné language.
- Assisting families and communities to participate in the student learning Diné language at community events.
- Making connections with their students' families and community. Students and families demonstrate participation in community events by speaking in the Diné language.
- Collaborating with schools near or on Diné *bikiyah* (land).
- Immersion in Diné-centered cultural knowledge, Diné history, and government.
- Becoming proficient in Diné bizaad in writing and reading.
- Familiar with the second language acquisition, bilingual literacy development, and classroom management.
- Assisting the team with curriculum development and participating in workshops.
- Work within a K-12 classroom language setting.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum qualification to comprehensively speak and write in Diné language.
- Knowledge of the lifeways of Diné cultural and language.
- Be patient and flexible with planning and implementing program activities.
- Familiar with applications such as Email, Calendar, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Zoom, Dropbox and Google Drive.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Apply **online**, [sixdirectionsschool.org/work-here](https://sixdirectionsschool.org/work-here).
2. Upon hire, complete a background check.
3. Upon hire, establish a plan to take the Navajo Nation OSCAD Language Assessment and commit to be mentored by the SDIS's Diné Language Teacher.

Email documents to Dr. Allison, [tamara@sixdirectionsschool.org](mailto:tamara@sixdirectionsschool.org)  
For info, call (505) 863-1900, ext. 1602.

#### DEADLINE

April 28, 2023, 5:00 pm (MT)



**Diné Language**  
Mentor + Apprentice Program