



SIX DIRECTIONS INDIGENOUS SCHOOL

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Dear Families, Students, and Staff of Six Directions Indigenous School,

We are pleased to see you have returned for the 2022-23 school year! :) My name is Dr. Tamara Allison, and I am continuing my third year as the Head of Administrator. This year, we are back, full in person, four days a week, Monday to Thursday, with no school for students on Fridays, as Fridays are days devoted to staff professional development. If there is a federal holiday the school is celebrating, there will be school on Friday to maintain a four day instructional week. Please review our school website for the school calendar, bell schedule, and staff information (names, titles, and email addresses).

As far as student programs, SDIS partners with the National Indian Youth Leadership Program, and students, grades 6-12, can sign up to take part in NIYLP's Project Venture program, an after school outdoor program. Our middle school students take an Indigenous Wellness class, a class in which they take part in a mountain biking program. Our 8th graders are provided additional classes and outdoor experiences through the Cottonwood Gulch's Wilderness Program. SDIS is in the process of becoming a member of New Mexico MESA or Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement organization. As an independent charter school, our students are eligible to try out for sports at the homeschool within the public school district they reside in like the Gallup McKinley County Schools and Zuni Public Schools.

Below is some general information to take note of.

1. Supplies needed for classwork are made available by teachers in their classrooms.
However, students are welcome to buy their own basic supplies like writing utensils (pen and pencils), spiral notebook, and other items of their preference.
2. Homework is at the discretion of the teacher.
3. SDIS administers the NWEA as a short cycle assessment and other assessments required by the New Mexico Public Education Department.
4. The student handbook will be placed on the website, but it will be undergoing an update.
5. A school open house will be held on Wednesday, August 31 from 5-7 p.m. to meet teachers, head administrator, and office staff.
6. Laptops will be issued to students for the 2022-23 SY within the month of September.
Hot spots will not be provided as we are back for full in-person instruction. Please inform

Dr. Allison if you do not have internet service in your home for your student or students to use.

7. Masks are still to be worn in the school building as new variants of COVID-19 are still prevalent and contagious. They are allowed to be off for eating breakfast before 8 a.m. and during the lunch period and when outside the building.

The goal is to create and maintain a positive and safe learning environment in the classrooms and school wide, so student behavior is to be supportive of this, which includes attending classes each day in order to receive the instruction and assistance they need for the class assignments, which are aligned to grade level standards of the New Mexico Instructional Scope. We also strive to fulfill our school mission of providing culturally relevant, project based instruction, while preparing students to meet graduation requirements and continue their education after high school, a mission shared by our network in which our school belongs, the NACA Inspired Schools Network.

We look forward to working with your students, our future leaders, this school year.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Tamara Allison



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