



# Diné Bizaad Nanitin Yíhooł'aah

## Mentor + Apprentice Program

Position Opening: **Substitute for The Diné Language Teacher**

Location: Gallup, New Mexico

Start Date: 2023-24 School Year

For questions, please contact Head Administrator Rebecca Niiha at (505) 593-1285 or email [rebecca@sixdirectionsschool.org](mailto:rebecca@sixdirectionsschool.org). Visit our website for more information. To apply, see the bottom of this job description.

### **About Six Directions Indigenous School**

SDIS is a new, open-enrollment, public charter school committed to providing equitable educational opportunities to native youth in Gallup through an innovative, culturally responsive schooling model. Six Directions is committed to students' holistic wellness, community engagement, and preparation for post-secondary studies. We will utilize positive youth development frameworks, interdisciplinary project-based learning, indigenous language instruction, and culturally responsive teaching pedagogies. Six Directions opened with 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades in August 2016 and will add a grade each year until a complete 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school exists.

### **About NISN Diné Bizaad Nanitin Yíhooł'aah: Mentor + Apprentice Fellowship Program**

NISN's work is to increase the number of Diné language teachers in New Mexico. The team will work collaboratively to recruit Diné language teacher candidates to mentor one apprentice fellow and one substitute at network schools. A mentor with a current 520 certification will oversee the apprentices. The apprentice and substitute to obtain New Mexico's 520 Native American Language and Culture certification. Throughout the 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. We are looking for a team member who can cover in the absence of the mentor, recruit apprentice(s), and help us coordinate a prep workshop in June 2024. Program funding provided by the New Mexico Public Education - Indian Education Division's Indigenous Language Initiative - RFA 23-92400-00008. [nacainspiredschoolsnetwork.org](http://nacainspiredschoolsnetwork.org)

### **Position Summary**

SDIS seeks a Substitute for the Diné Language Teacher (non-520 Native American Language and Culture certified or 520 certified) to support the work of students in the classroom in the absence of the 520 certified Diné Language Teacher. The substitute teacher provides class instruction and manages class transitions. Ideal candidates have also worked with middle-school-aged youth before. The position is an opportunity to learn and grow as an educator for those interested in becoming licensed Diné language teachers.

### **Duties & Responsibilities**

- Follow the licensed 520 Native American Language and Culture Certified Diné language teacher's lesson plans with instructions
- Support the implementation of project-based learning
- Support staff by contacting families during the day as necessary

### **Qualifications**

#### Education/Licensure

- Must be able to qualify for a Substitute Teacher License
- At least 18 years old
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- An associate degree or passage of Educational Assistant Assessment (preferred)

#### Experience

- Knowledge of Diné culture
- Speak the Diné language
- Experience working in Diné (Indigenous) communities or border towns preferred
- Experience working with middle school-aged children preferred

### **Compensation**

Salary and benefits are competitive and dependent upon prior experience.

### **Equal Opportunity Employer**

Six Directions Indigenous School seeks individuals of all ethnic and racial backgrounds to apply for this position, particularly those with a demonstrable and deep commitment to Indigenous communities and students. We are committed to maximizing the diversity of our school and are eager to engage all who can contribute to this effort.

### **To Apply**

Complete an application from the SDIS website and email your resume to Rebecca Niiha, [rebecca@sixdirectionsschool.org](mailto:rebecca@sixdirectionsschool.org).