



Dr. Daisy Thompson
SENIOR DIRECTOR

Dear Students and Parent(s),

My name is Paul Phillip. I belong to the *Water Flows Together*, born for the *Red Running into the Water*, my maternal grandfather's clan is *Red House*, and my paternal grandfather's clan is *Many Hogans*.

I have been with APS/Indian Education Department for eleven years. I teach Navajo language at Career Enrichment Center and Del Norte High School. I have taught for ten years at APS/IED and served seven years as an adjunct at IAIA as a dual credit Navajo language instructor.

The Indian Education Native language program consist of Navajo language 1 and 2, and serves all eligible Native American high school students in APS. Navajo 1 is taught at CEC during the fall term and Navajo 2 in the spring. Navajo 1 and 2 are taught year-round at Del Norte HS, but is only offered to DNHS students.

Our Native language program provides students the basics of the Navajo language with an emphasis on immersion and a cultural approach. Students are immersed in conversational activities to gain cultural understanding and knowledge that results in a positive perspective regarding the Navajo language. Students engage and participate in classroom and out of class experiences in community activities and storytelling events.

The Indian Education Native language program has had a great positive impact on students, families, communities, and tribes. Many Navajo students have successfully earned the Chief Manuelito Scholarship and the awardees have increased each year. We thank the parents, friends, and families who make the Native language program a success and the support they give to their children have made successful students.

Thank you and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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