

Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians

K-12 Education Program

Mission Statement

The Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians values the individual learning and education of every student, every day, in every home and every classroom, with our priority on ensuring their success. This will be achieved through solid school partnerships, relationships with parent(s)/guardian(s) and teaching students to advocate for themselves and their own learning.

Focus

The focus of this program is on Kaibab Paiute tribal members and their tribally enrolled children. While we prioritize the education and funding for our tribal members, we also recognize that we have a community of learners who are not tribally enrolled. The K-12 Education Program is therefore divided into two sections; section one is available for Kaibab Band of Paiute Indian students and section two is available for all students in our community.

Vision

It is our vision to create lasting partnerships between parent(s)/guardian(s), students, tribal stakeholders, and the school districts to ensure that we are all working together towards the common goal of success for all students.

SECTION ONE

These services are available to Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians enrolled members

K-12 Supplemental Funding

K-12 supplemental funding is funded through gaming monies and is only available to enrolled members of the Kaibab Paiute Tribe. Payouts are based upon funding availability. Money will be paid out on a first come first serve basis as funding is available. This money is to assist those students who need financial assistance for any school related expenses (i.e., book fees, graduation fees, clothing, sports equipment, instrument fees etc.). All applications submitted to the Tribal Education Department will be reviewed for completeness. The completed application will be forwarded to the tribal Education Committee who will then take action at the next regularly scheduled committee meeting. With the acceptance of this money, it is the parents/guardians responsibility to ensure eligibility requirements are met.

- **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must be an enrolled member of the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, and in grades K-12 (with consideration for students who have special needs). Applicants must have less than

five unexcused tardies or absences per term and a GPA of 2.0 (C average) or higher. Exception to eligibility requirements are:

- ❖ Home School: Must have copies of tests by moderator
- ❖ Special Education: If the applicant is in special education where grade/age requirements may differ, then a note from the special education teacher is required
- ❖ Special Needs situations will be considered on a case by case basis

- **APPLICATION**

Students and parent(s)/guardian(s) must complete and sign the K-12 application using the student's legal name. Students who have turned 18 must complete and sign the application for themselves. Each application must have the previous terms report card attached. All previously funded request receipts must be turned in. All incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant in a timely manner along with an explanation of the lacking information. If the student does not meet the eligibility requirements at the time of the request, then their grades/citizenship must be brought up to the minimum requirement of a C average/satisfactory citizenship by the next term. Another request may then be submitted at that time.

- **FUNDING CYCLE**

Each student is eligible once per school funding cycle for \$300 (grades K-12) until graduation from high school. The K-12 funding cycle runs from July 1 through May 31.

- **ACCOUNTABILITY**

All original receipts are to be returned to the Tribal Education Department within two months of receiving funding. Failure to comply will result in ineligibility. Extreme circumstances may apply; in this case, the parent must present their case in person to the committee, with the ultimate goal of not causing undue hardship to the student.

K-12 School Supply Assistance

The Tribal Education Department seeks to ensure that all Kaibab Paiute Tribal students have the necessary school supplies to start the year. We will disburse school supply kits to all enrolled tribal member students in grades K-12. Kits may be picked up beginning the 3rd week in August. If you are unable to pick up your kit, you may call the department to have yours mailed out.

K-12 Student Grade Incentive

Enrolled students of the Kaibab Paiute Tribe in grades 6-12, who excel academically, may be eligible for grade incentives. Parent(s)/guardian(s) must submit report cards to the education director at the end of each term; or at the end of the current school year for consideration. Academic excellence is defined as a GPA of 3.5 or above. Grade incentives will be paid out by gift card/check in the amount of \$25.00 per term. Payouts are based on funding availability.

Graduation Recognition

Enrolled students of the Kaibab Paiute Tribe who graduate from high school will be recognized and honored at a tribal event of the Education Committee's choosing. We strongly encourage all graduate students to attend this event and receive the committee's graduation gift in person. If a graduate is not able to attend, they will need to contact the Education department to make arrangements for receiving their gift. Should the graduate not attend, or contact the Education department, they will forfeit their graduation gift.

Scholarships

The Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians has instituted a long range goal of economic self-sufficiency and social development for the tribe as a whole and its individual tribal members. In attaining these goals, the tribe recognizes that adult education, higher education, and vocational training are key to accomplishing this goal, and becomes a high priority.

The Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians' goal is to extend educational and vocational training opportunities to all enrolled tribal members, for the purpose of developing leadership and increasing employment opportunities in professional and vocational fields. All tribal members, who meet eligibility requirements, will receive financial assistance so that they may obtain a quality education. Financial assistance is contingent upon available funding.

SECTION TWO

These services are available to Kaibab Paiute Tribal members and non-enrolled community members

K-12 Tutoring Program

After school homework help and individual tutoring is available for students K-12. We offer help for both students and parents/guardians with homework after school and on Fridays. Individualized tutoring for specific subjects is available upon request and one on one appointments can be arranged in reading, math, and other subjects as needed. The tutoring hours may vary based on scheduling. You may contact the Education Department for information about tutoring.

Participation in the tutoring program requires a partnership between parent(s)/guardian(s), students, the school district, and the education program. Parent(s)/guardian(s) must give consent for members of the Education Department (Education Director and Tutor) to access school records in order to customize tutoring programs and keep track of school attendance. If parents choose not to sign the FERPA document providing consent, students are welcome to attend tutoring for homework help, however, the Education Department will not be able to advocate for students to the fullest extent without the proper paperwork.

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Our partnership with the school districts in our service area outlines the following protocol for how we can work together to overcome educational barriers.

- I. The district agrees to work with the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians Education Department to provide academic, cultural, or other deemed support to increase student success at all schools within the School District. The Parties agree to allow Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians tutors to teach and assist children in the School District classrooms.

A. Improving Attendance and Reducing Tardiness

The Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, through the Director of Social Services and the Director of Education, agrees to form a team with the districts to study and propose subsequent recommendations to minimize, if not eliminate, truancy and absenteeism for tribal students and students residing on tribal lands within the district's schools. The Parties agree to recognize the recommendations of the team and work toward genuine positive change to overcome the negative impact of truancy and absenteeism. The district agrees to provide the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians with the information necessary to track tribal student attendance, reduce tardiness, and enhance homework completion, test scores, and grades, and gaps as long as the authorization to release records (FERPA) has been signed. The Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians recognizes the impact that habitual attendance issues have on teachers and students and their ability to fully be engaged learners in the classroom. Excessive absences is defined as the number of absent days exceeds ten per cent of the number of required attendance days A.R.S. 15-803 (B) Habitual absences is defined as any absence, excused or unexcused, over 5 in a quarter.

- **Tribal Education Code.** The Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians takes the education of their tribal children seriously. In the Tribal Code section 4-1008 it states:
 1. **A person is guilty of failure to send children to school if, being the parent, guardian, or other person having a child under 18 in his custody and care he or she, without good cause, neglects or refuses to send such child to school**
 2. **Failure to send children to school is a Class C offense and is punishable through the BIA and Tribal Court.**

The Education Department and the Social Services Department will work together to provide voluntary wrap-around services as agreed upon with each district and will follow through, as necessary, with Tribal Court follow up when attendance becomes a problem for learning.

Family Supportive Services

In an effort to support parent(s), grandparent(s), and guardian(s) of our students, the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians Education Department provides the following family supportive services:

- Leader in Me
- Reading Materials to help increase ability
- AZMerit Test Help
- Parenting Courses

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- Family Learning Activities
- STEM Night
- Computer Support
- Educational and social activities and workshops are available to parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Other services as needed

College and Career Counseling Services

Ensuring that students are looking forward to their futures and planning accordingly, the Education Department provides College and Career Counseling Services. We also encourage future students to make appointments for individual help as needed.

- ACT Boot Camp
- Personality Career Testing for students
- FASFA Workshop for Parents and Students

Summer Learning Activities

- Summer Tutoring
- Science Camp
- Math Facts Camp
- Reading

Year Round Learning Workshops

- Robotics and Coding
- Leader in Me
- Lego Build
- Lead Friday

Educational Website and other resources

- Flyers
- Learning Games
- Arizona State Library Resources
- Access to practice written driving tests

KAIBAB PAIUTE TRIBE
Application for Tribally Enrolled Students Only
K-12 Program

Student's Legal Name:

Birthdate:

Tribal Enrollment Number:

School Year:

Grade:

School Attending:

Parents or Legal Guardians Names:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Dear Education Committee:

I hereby certify that the monies received will be used solely for education and educational related expenses.

Student Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

School Instructions:

If your school does not grade citizenship, a signed letter from the student's teacher on official letterhead regarding the student's character/citizenship is acceptable.