

A Green Schools Model

STAR School is the first totally off-grid, solar and wind powered, public charter school in the U.S. STAR promotes self-reliance, alternative building methods, sustainable living, and place-based education. We are committed to providing fresh vegetables as much as possible from local farms, utilizing recyclable products and environmentally friendly materials, and the maximum involvement of students in outside environments. Each class develops a year-long project that shows students how they can help the environment and gives them opportunities to actively serve their community.

STAR School is a Recipient of the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Award.



STAR (Service To All Relations) School is a small rural charter school located in northern Arizona, east of Flagstaff and just outside the southwestern edge of the Navajo Nation. The school serves a majority Native American population from Pre-K thru 8th grade. STAR is a global leader in the green schools movement and a national model for high-quality education emphasizing Navajo language and culture.

For more information and to become a Friend of STAR please visit our website.



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 **STAR School**
Service To All Relations

A Proven Success

“STAR School is a model of how small community schools can deliver a superior education even in a community with few jobs, no public utilities, and high drop-out rates. Better than eighty percent of our graduates go on to graduate from high school in four years. This compares with a state average of fifty-two percent for Native students. The percentages for post secondary are even more dramatic. Seventy-one percent of our graduates have gone on to some kind of post secondary training, including college and the GI bill. This compares nationwide to less than one percent of Native students who go on to college immediately after high school.”

-- Dr. Mark Sorensen, CEO and Co-Founder



A Leader in Culturally Responsive Education

The STAR School’s vision is to create a joyful learning community in which members develop the character, skills, and attitudes for understanding themselves, living in balance, and serving all our relations. We incorporate the foundational core values of Navajo Peacemaking into the school’s culture with the 4R’s - Relationship, Respect, Responsibility, and Reasoning, and offer peacemaking alternatives when violation of school rules and behavioral expectations occur.

STAR School is deeply committed to strengthening our students’ use and understanding of Navajo language and cultural wisdom. We believe this is not only important to the identity of our Navajo students, but also a gift to the world and certainly a source of strength for America. Woven into the STAR curriculum are lessons in the uses of native plants, the local knowledge of how to successfully farm and ranch, and lessons on the local history. Our students are engaged in advancing that knowledge and sharing it with the community

through their writings, speeches, performances, and multimedia platforms.

Our early childhood program is recognized as a leading model in Indigenous education. The elementary and junior high gives students the skills to succeed well into the future. Students participate in a wide variety of extracurricular activities; our sports teams are winners in cross-country, basketball, softball, and volleyball. A unique project-based arts, music, and filmmaking program that collaborates with local artists as mentors, inspires our students to express themselves and participate in the important conversations of our times.

Educators from all over the world come to visit STAR School to observe our classrooms and participate in workshops to learn how our team of highly qualified teachers successfully and creatively address standards within a culturally responsive, research informed, place-based education framework.