# SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-2022 TO'HAJILEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



170 Warrior Lane Building 634 To'Hajiilee, NM 87026



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### THE COMMUNITY

Located approximately thirty-two miles west of Albuquerque, New Mexico, To'Hajiilee is an island Navajo reservation. While we may be separate geographically from the majority of the Navajo Nation, our identity as a community of Navajo people is strong. The To'Hajiilee community spreads over three different counties: Bernalillo County, Cibola County, and Sandoval County. The community and school are surrounded by beautiful plateaus and very unique desert terrains. To'Hajiilee is interpreted in English as "Drawing Water from a Well." The well is located in the canyon west of the school. The name change from Canoncito to To'Hajiilee was initiated by the To'Hajiilee Community School students in sponsoring a resolution before the community members. The Navajo Nation Council was in support of the name change as well as the State of New Mexico to change the signs on the Interstate highway.

### SCHOOL'S HISTORY

The school was built by Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1935 as First (1st) to Third (3rd) grade school. A dorm was constructed in 1959 and the grades expanded to grade 6th. A major construction project in 1986 expanded grade levels from Kindergarten through 12th.

## AT-A-GLANCE DATA



### **COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES**

To'Hajiilee Community School students, as well as their parents self-reported being accepted and/or enrolled in various colleges and universities, including these over the past three years:

- Fort Lewis College
- Northern Arizona University
- Haskell Indian Nations University
- University of Southern California
- Adams State University
- Eastern New Mexico University
- Central New Mexico Community College
- University of Arizona
- Grand Canyon University
- New Mexico State University
- New Mexico Highlands University
- Arizona State University
- Western New Mexico University
- Southwestern Indian Polytechnic University
- Dine College

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Content	Course Name	Credit Requirement
English	English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12	4
Math	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, 4th Year Math	4
Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	3
Social Studies	U.S History & Geography, World History & Geography, N.M History, U.S Government, Economics	3.5
Physical Education		1
Health		0.5
Navajo Language	Navajo Language I, Navajo Language II, *Most colleges & universites require 2 credits of the same native language	1
Navajo Studies	Culture, Government, History	1
Career Cluster/Career Readiness		1
Electives		6
** At least one of the 25 credits must be Dual Credit or an Edgenuity class.		
	Total Credits to Graduate	25 Credits

### **COVID-19 DISCLAIMER**

In March 2020, TCS closed all buildings. Grades were frozen as Pass/No Credit as of March 12th. Students still engaged with teachers until the end of May but due to lack of equitable technology resources, these activities were for enrichment and did not impact grades. For the 2020-2021 school year, all school buildings remained closed and all learning was done online. Technology, electricity and wifi access was provided to all students and therefore grading resumed and teaching and academic expectations are in place. Our extra-curricular activities have not been accessible, with the exception of our Student Council. The Navajo Nation is being very cautious to limit the spread and this time period has had a significant impact on our students personally, as well as academically.