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# Southern Ute Education Department



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- Lead Education Counselor, Ext. 2792
- Special Education Advocate/Family Group Decision Making Coordinator Apprentice, Ext. 2790
- Education Specialist, Ext. 2793
- Elementary Teacher/Tutor, Office Ext. 2777, Tutoring Classroom Ext. 2799
- Intermediate Teacher/Tutor, Office Ext. 2779, Tutoring Classroom Ext. 2796
- Middle School Teacher/Tutor, Office Ext. 2778, Tutoring Classroom Ext. 2787
- High School Teacher/Tutor, Office Ext. 2795, Tutoring Classroom Ext. TBD
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Youth Leadership in Washington D.C.



Higher Ed. Office Attending a Graduation Event in Montana

## Program Pictures



Chairman Clement Frost and LaTitia Taylor Meeting with School District



Tri-Ute Youth Leadership Conference

## Scholarships Program:

All Scholarship Applications for our programs can be downloaded at:

**Website:** [www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/scholarships/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/scholarships/)



**Academic Advisor: (970) 563-2783**

### Full Time Scholarships:

This scholarship pays for tuition and provides a stipend for other costs associated with school. Pick up a packet at the Education Department or access it on-line. **Deadline: July 1st**

**Part-Time Scholarships:** This scholarship is offered throughout the year and will pay for tuition, books, fees, and mileage. Pick up a packet at the Education Department or access it on-line.

**Deadline:** No later than 30 days prior school starting.

**Academic Advising:** We will advise students with degree program questions, academic progress and financial reviews. Periodically throughout the year, we offer workshops to help fill out the Education scholarship packets.

## Certificate and Internship Program



**Advisor: (970) 563-2784**

**Certificate Scholarships:** There are 20 scholarships that are given on a first come first serve basis. Pick up an application packet at the Education Department or call to have one mailed to you.

**Education in Excellence Internships:** This internship must be related to the degree or certificate the student is pursuing. The salary rate for this program is based on the student grade level.

**Deadline:** No later than 2 weeks prior school starting

**Adult Internships:** Collaboration between the Education Department and TERO, funds are available for Southern Ute Tribal Members to obtain other training and or employment.

## GED Testing and Adult Education:



**Adult Education:** This program provides educational services to Native Americans in the local service area. This includes an official GED Testing Center, GED tutoring at Pine River Community Learning Center or the Durango Education Center, classes at The Southern Ute Detention Center and GED and Adult Education tutoring at Peaceful Spirit Rehabilitation Center.

Please Contact Pine River Community Learning Center at (970)563-0681 or Durango Education Center 970-385-4354 for GED class times and registration.

### Pearson Vue Testing

The Department of Education is an official Pearson Vue Test Center. Please see [www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com) for a list of tests available.

**GED Testing:** The Department of Education is an official GED Testing Center accredited by The American Council on Education.

BIA 638 Scholarships for GED testing or workshops are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area who submit paperwork two weeks in advance.

The GED Test is offered at the Education Center as a computer based test. Register, schedule and pay at [www.GEDcomputer.com](http://www.GEDcomputer.com)



## Educational Resources and Programs:



**Education Specialist:** (970) 563-0235 or (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2793

**Special Events Program:** Hosts Back to School BBQ, Graduation Banquet, Teacher Breakfast and many more events for community.

**Private School Scholarship:** Assists Southern Ute Tribal students (K-12) with private school scholarships.

**Computer Purchase Program:** Assists Southern Ute Tribal students (K-college). JOM will pay for 50% of the total cost of a computer up to \$1250.00.

\*These programs have policy requirements.

**Johnson-O'Malley Program (JOM):** Provides financial assistance to meet the needs of eligible Native American students, K-12, in the Ignacio and Bayfield School Districts. A parent committee is responsible for approving requests made to the Johnson-O'Malley Program.

The Mission of the Johnson-O'Malley program is to address the unique cultural needs of Native American Indian students attending the Ignacio and Bayfield Public schools, and the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start through a supplemental program of planned services, developed and approved by the JOM committee.



## Education Counseling:



**Education Counselor: (970) 563-2792**

**Education Counseling:** Provides school counseling/advocacy for Southern Ute students K-12 at any school as requested by parent/guardian, counselors or other agency referrals to ensure students are receiving the support and resources needed to be successful in their k-12 education.

Services include meeting with students and/or parents, providing social/emotional support, brainstorming possible referrals, reviewing transcripts and credits, and educational motivation. Attending IEP's (Individual Education Plan), re-entry meetings and other school meetings as requested by the parent/guardian is another service. Dropout prevention/school relevancy/truancy is a part of the counselor's position. The counselor also approves home-school, on-line or non-traditional high school curriculum and will assist in the verification of a quality high school diploma.

**Special Education Advocate Apprentice & FGDM Coordinator: (970) 563-2790**



**Special Education Advocate:** Our Special Education Advocate Apprentice is available to support parent/guardians in understanding their student's IEP/504 as well as rights and procedures.

By way of referrals and consultations, we are able to address student need, set goals and connect families with appropriate resources.

**The Family Group Decision Making (FGDM):** The Coordinator Apprentice is housed in the Education Department. Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) acknowledges the family as key decision makers and utilizes their strengths, knowledge and experiences when making important family decisions. The Coordinator is available to assist families in organizing a family meeting through the FGDM process which is supported and endorsed by Council.

## Distance Learning Programs:

**The Annual Career Fair:**

The Annual Career Fair is held at Ignacio High School every spring. As one of the largest events organized by the Higher Education Department, we impact hundreds of students and community members seeking employment as well as higher education.



**Distance Learning Programs  
Coordinator: (970) 563-2785**

**Academic Banquet:**

During the month of June, our department invites High School, GED and College graduates, as well as their families, to attend our annual dinner. Here, we honor their academic achievements. Members of Tribal Council, Ignacio School District Board and Administrators also attend.

**Computer Lab:** The Higher Ed Department has 9 computers available for use from 8:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday. Computer assistance is also available. This space can be reserved for meetings, trainings and classes. Computer lab updated as of October 2017.

**Kitchen Availability:** The Kitchen at the Higher Ed Department has 4 complete workstations for cooking classes.

**Pearson Vue Testing:** The Higher Ed Department is an official Pearson Vue Test Center. Please see [www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com) for a list of tests available.



## Youth Employment Program:



**Youth Employment Program Coordinator:**  
**(970) 563-2786**

The purpose of the Youth Employment Program (YEP) is to provide the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Youth with Summer employment.

The program provides employment for all Southern Ute Tribal members ages 14-18 in 24 employment

locations for 200 hours. During the program, the YEP staff coordinates trips, workshops, and cultural activities to enrich YEP workers.

## Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council:



**Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Coordinator:** (970) 563-2786

The purpose of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) is to provide Southern Ute students, ages 11-17, with a leadership program that creates awareness for our youth on community issues.

The SCSYAC Council members are the voice of the Southern Ute youth that make proposals to Tribal Council. To be a member, students must write a letter of interest, fill out an application packet, participate in all meetings, attend all leadership training activities, be willing to learn and take part in more cultural activities, as well as maintain good grades in school. The Leadership Program also provides college and career exploration opportunities. Once elected, members must model a positive attitude and be a liaison for the Southern Ute Education Department. Tribal Council appoints the SCSYAC Council members. Members may reapply for multiple terms.

## Academic Assistance Program:



**Teacher's Offices:** See page 1 for tutoring teacher phone numbers.

**Classroom Support and Tutoring:** Teachers provide academic support for Southern Ute, JOM and Descendent K-12 students at each of the Ignacio School District buildings during the school day. After school, **K-12** tutoring programs are held at The Southern Ute Education building.

Parents are welcome to contact teachers regarding any need their student may have regarding academic support.

**Summer Youth in Action:** During the months of June through July, join the Southern Ute Education Department teachers for enrichment and fun! Go on trips, outings, or participate in workshops that will help you keep your academic edge for the upcoming school year.

