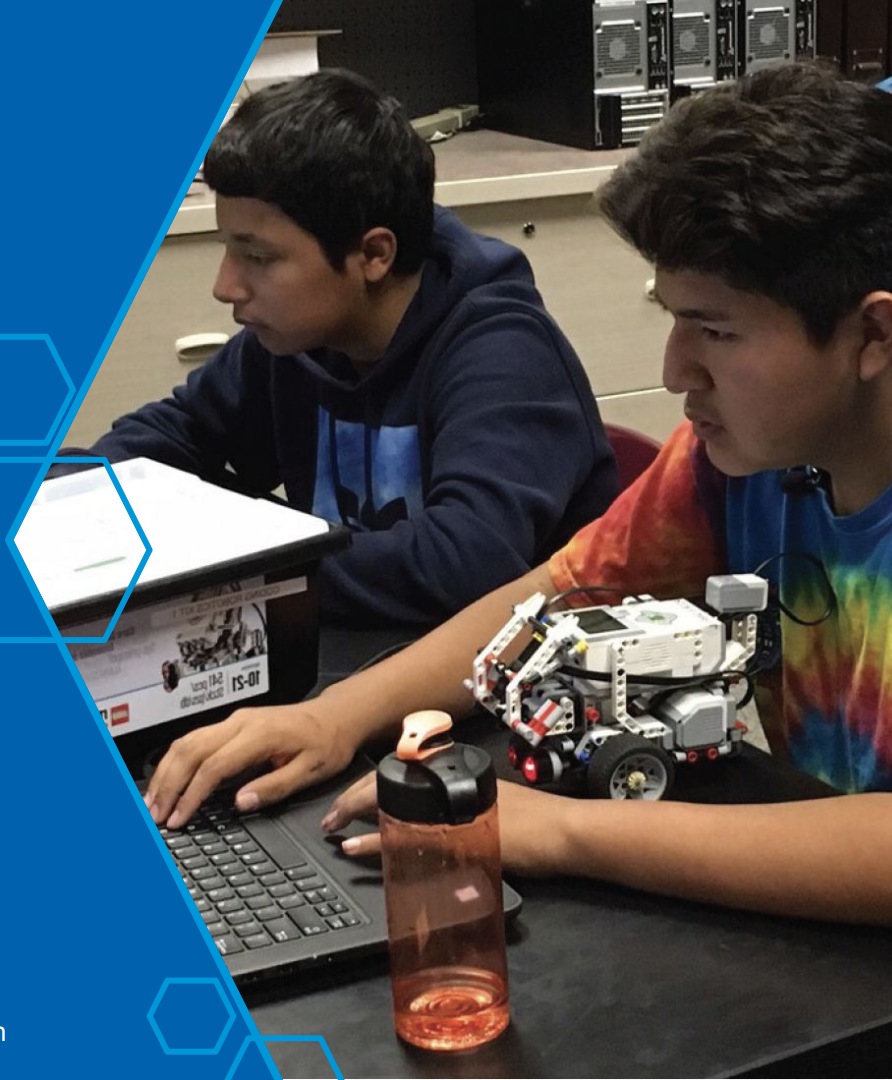
NATIVE AMERICAN CODE WRITERS PROGRAM



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OVERVIEW

- The Native American Code Writers program (NACWP) was initiated and funded by the Arizona Legislature in April 2016, and renewed in April 2018 and April 2022 in order to increase access to computer science for Native American students
- The Arizona Department of Education (ADE)-Office of Indian Education and the Indian Education Advisory Council provide program oversight and support
- Through a competitive RFP process, Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz) was awarded funding for the facilitation of the program in 2017 through 2019
- In 2022, Arizona Science Center was awarded grant funds through a competitive RFP process

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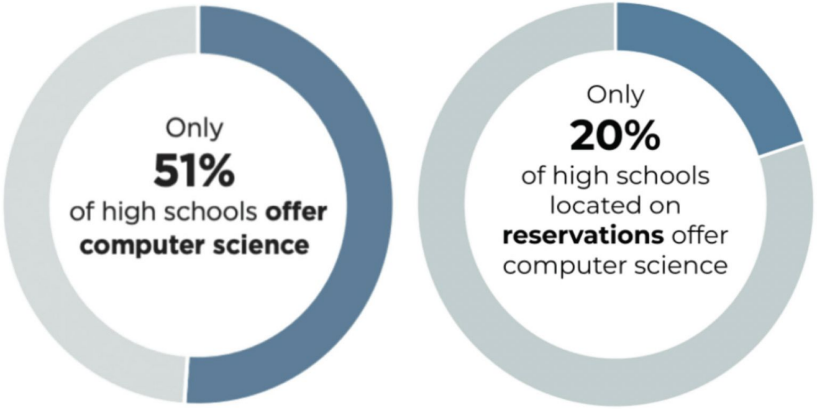

- The Native American Code Writers program targets Native American students and their teachers in order to teach Computer Science (CS) to 100 high school students yearly, across six reservations

- The CS content is designed to help students think critically, problem-solve, and work with technology integration using app development, gaming, website design, multimedia, cyber security and robotics

Source: 2021 State of CS Report, **advocacy.code.org/stateofcs**

NATIONAL

When comparing the percentage of Native American/Alaskan students who took any AP CS exam during the 2019-2020 school year you will note that, nationally, these students made up 0.99% of the total student population and represented 0.46% of students taking an AP CS exam.

0.99% OF TOTAL STUDENT POPULATION

0.46% OF STUDENTS TAKING THE EXAM

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In Arizona, Native American/ Alaskan students made up 5.15% of the student population, but only represented 0.89% of students taking an AP CS exam that year. When equitable practices are in place, the percentage of students taking an AP CS exam is in alignment with the total student population.

5.15% OF TOTAL STUDENT POPULATION

0.89% OF STUDENTS TAKING THE EXAM

DID YOU KNOW?

12%

According to Code.org, studies show that students who take AP Computer Science Principles are 12% **more likely to enroll in college** compared to similarly-situated peers.

17%

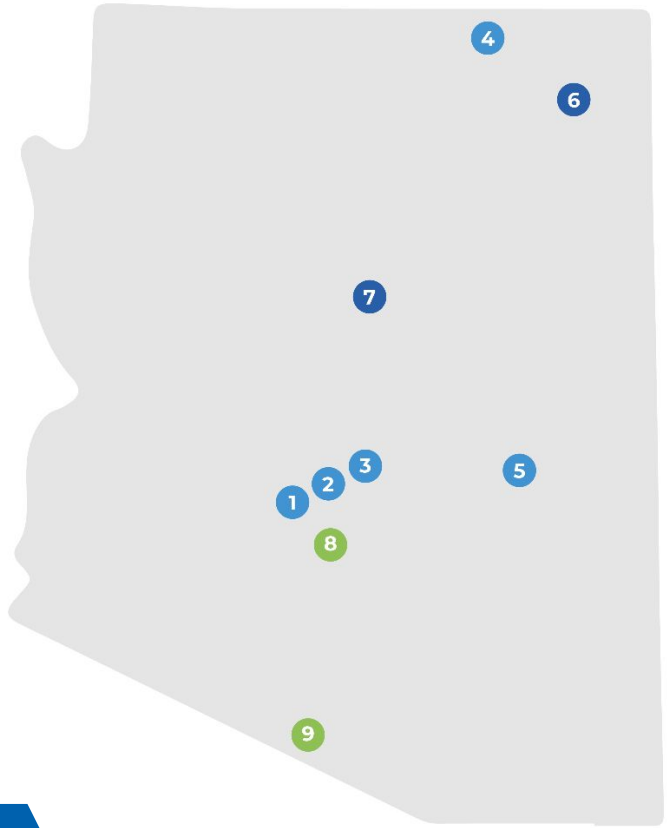
Students who take any AP computer science course are 17% **more likely to attend college**. Further, students who take AP exams are more likely to graduate 4-year college, even when they don't pass the exam.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Each NACWP Partnering School is Provided

- A comprehensive, year-long computer science professional development program through Arizona Science Center and Code.org
- Funding for computer science equipment, robotics, teacher travel to training and conferences
- Support and guidance with an articulated K-12 pathway for feeder elementary and middle schools, into the sponsored high schools and the local community colleges and universities
- Opportunities for students to participate in internships and mentoring programs with business and industry partners
- Ongoing support through monthly coaching sessions and meetings with other CS teachers

NACWP SCHOOLS



ORIGINAL GRANT

1 **PHOENIX, AZ**
Cesar Chavez High School
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY (GRIC)

2 **SCOTTSDALE, AZ**
Salt River High School
SALT RIVER PIMA MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY (SRP-MIC)

3 **FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZ**
Fountain Hills High School
FORT MCDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION (FMYN)

4 **SHONTO, AZ**
Shonto Preparatory Academy
NAVAJO NATION

5 **WHITERIVER, AZ**
Alchesay High School
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

CONTINUING WITH GRANT

6 **CHINLE, AZ**
Chinle High School
NAVAJO NATION

7 **FLAGSTAFF, AZ**
Flagstaff High School
NAVAJO & HOPI NATIONS

NEW TO GRANT SCHOOL

8 **CHANDLER, AZ**
Skyline Gila River High School
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY (GRIC)

9 **SELLS, AZ**
Baboquivari Secondary School
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

GRANT STATUS

ORIGINAL GRANT | CONTINUING WITH GRANT | NEW TO GRANT SCHOOL

TEACHER FEEDBACK

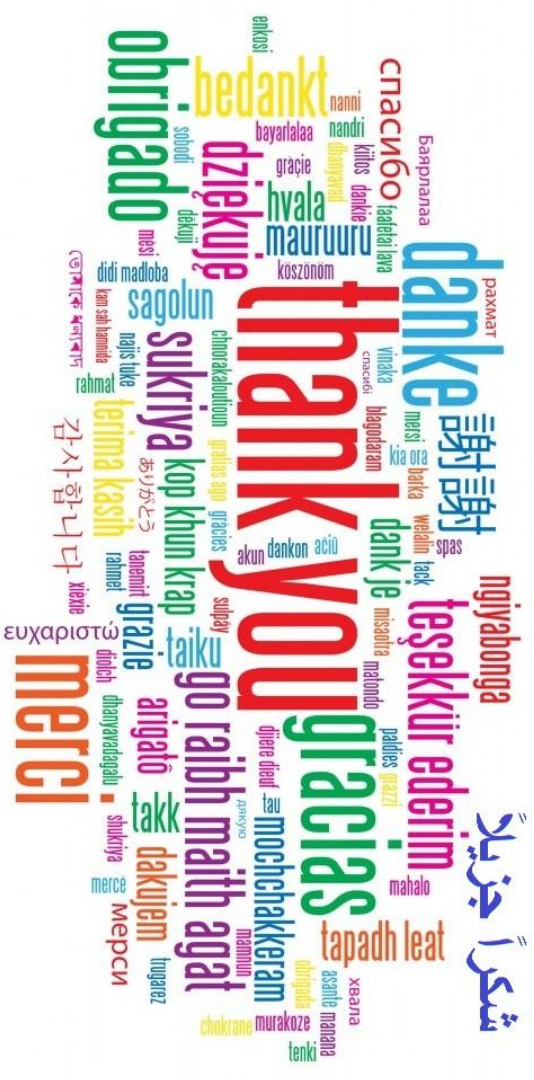
Program Highlight

…”students had access to opportunities in computer science and gain knowledge about the field”.

Why participate

“I always need to learn more so I can adapt to novel methods and materials to teach. I want to learn more so I can teach students even more cs content so they can be certified in field.”

Thank you!



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