

*“Our children’s
future is at stake.”*

Chief Tahgee Elementary Academy was opened in the 2013-2014 academic year for K-6th grade enrollment. We now serve K-7th grade.



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“Preservation of Native language and culture is an important part of an Indian child’s education. Researchers in education have shown that if a student has knowledge of both their Native language and the English language as well as a good cultural background, they are more likely to achieve success in their schooling. It is important for State, Federal and Tribal educational systems to recognize this and to support learning about Tribal customs, traditions and language. These elements have been ignored for too long and the importance of incorporating these elements in school instruction needs to be recognized.”

Lorraine P Edmo, Member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, Office on Violence Against Women, USDOJ, Washington, D.C., former Executive Director and Board member of the National Indian Education Association

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Chief Tahgee Elementary Academy
Language Immersion School
A Federally Recognized Nonprofit
Charitable Organization

Our Vision

Chief Tahgee Elementary Academy (CTEA) is an exemplary student-centered learning organization reflecting the Shoshone-Bannock values of deniwape, where culture is an indispensable resource –the very heart and soul of the school. CTEA has three primary purposes: academics, bilingualism, and cultural enrichment. In our one-way language immersion program, students who already speak English will be “immersed” in their Native language. CTEA envisions a place of learning where all students are given the opportunity to develop the intellectual skills and social capacities needed to lead successful lives.

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Power of Two!

The Power of Two is the ability to speak, read, write and think in both English and one's Native language. Students who have the "Power of Two" are better prepared to meet the challenges of a global society because they have these life advantages:

- Enhanced intellectual skills
- Increased levels of creativity
- Greater success in cross-cultural communication
- More career opportunities
- Preparation for the global economy



How will my child learn at CTEA?

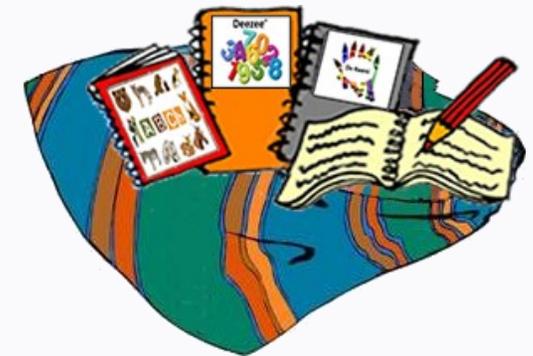
At the center of CTEA curriculum is the concept of "deniwape" (lifeways of the people). All instructional objectives and activities are designed to help students develop themselves intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially. Subject matter (language arts, science, math, social studies, etc) will be presented holistically through global themes from deniwape. Interactive teaching strategies such as cooperative learning, whole language, and dialogue journaling will be utilized extensively. Instruction will be experience-based and project-centered, heavily influenced by the sciences and performing and visual arts, and will encourage the use of hands-on activities and critical interaction with peers, teachers, and texts.

What is a Charter School?

- Free public schools that are open to all students.
- Approved by the State of Idaho to operate as an accredited public school.
- Uses innovative methods of instruction.
- Provides choices for families and greater accountability for results.
- Parents and teachers choose charter schools primarily for educational reasons, high academic standards, innovative approaches, and educational philosophies that are in align with their own.

Why open a Language Immersion Charter School?

- We are losing the Shoshoni and Bannock languages and teaching children early is the Tribes best alternative for preservation.
- Our children are not achieving their full potential due to a disconnect from their heritage languages and culture.
- Language and cultural revitalization is needed to strengthen and build our Tribal community.
- Teaching language and culture positively correlates with American Indian student retention rates and academic success.



The ABCs of Chief Tahgee

Academic Excellence
Bilingualism
Cultural Enrichment