



# Rigorous Community-Connected Classroom Instruction at Peñasco ISD



## Profile of Our Journey – Leading for Change

Engagement and empowerment of district team of administrators, coordinators, teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members in collaborative leadership work...

In partnership with the Santa Fe Institute of Transformational School Leadership and SEL4NM...

- Created a Statement of Compelling Purpose...
  - "A Peñasco education is rooted in school and community pride. We celebrate our community's diverse tradition(s), culture(s), and values. We bring unity to the school and community as we cultivate a positive and engaging learning environment, empowering students to explore and connect to the larger world."
- To guide district planning
  - 5-year Strategic Plan
  - Program Development/Enhancement
    - Imbedded Collaboration Periods (K-12)
    - Project Based Learning w/ Culturally Relevant Connections (K-12)
    - Career Technical Programs (K-12)
    - Graduation Policy Revision
      - Graduate Profile
  - Title I Parent Engagement Policy Development

## Project-Based Learning

Collaboration with organizational and employer stakeholders such as:

- US Forest Service and partner groups
- El Centro Family Health: school -based clinic and adding dental services.
- Picuris Pueblo will be biggest partner in internship work . Students will work on the following: building two solar arrays, health department (diabetes, health clinic, behavioral health), animal science (buffalo), environmental (forestry and water).

Tie into language and culture of our community:

- Connect with local individuals (Picuris Pueblo, acequia majordomos, ranchers and farmers, leñeros) on community service.
- Hire local native speakers in Tiwa and Spanish (local Manito dialect) to teach language classes
  - Focus on development of oral language and local cultural customs.

Planned Policy changes:

- Beginning 2023-2024, Graduates will be required to earn 1 credit of Community Service and 1 internship credit.
  - 25 hours of community service/year (.25 credit/year)
  - 100 hours of internship work (for juniors and seniors)