

NAYA EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY



Our Educational Beliefs

The NAYA Early College Academy, in collaboration with parents, families, and the community, believes in:

- Providing culturally appropriate, comprehensive, and rigorous instruction while meeting the diverse needs of all of our students
- Infusing our students' learning with Native perspectives while supporting and promoting cultural identity
- Encouraging parents, family members and community members to work with NAYA Early College Academy teachers and staff to ensure personalized support for each student
- Promoting student empowerment and positive educational experiences to enhance our students' sense of pride, integrity, and individual potential
- Instilling a love of learning and an intellectual curiosity in lifelong learning to lead every student to be successful in high school, college, their careers, and as responsible members of their communities

About the NAYA Early College Academy

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The NAYA Early College Academy is committed to creating a positive education emphasizing student empowerment, academic excellence, and the integrity of core American Indian and Alaska Native values in partnership with parents, families, elders, and community members for generations to come.

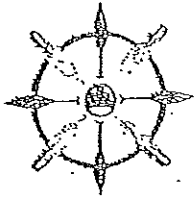
OUR CORE VALUES

RESPECT, BALANCE, PRIDE, GIVING, COMMUNITY, TRADITION, KINDNESS, ACCOUNTABILITY, DIVERSITY & LEADERSHIP

NAYA EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY opens its doors to 9th-12th graders seeking a hands-on, culturally relevant, student-centered learning environment offering a blended high school and post-secondary curriculum. Students attending the Academy have the unique opportunity to earn a high school diploma while earning up to two years of transferable college credit. Small class sizes encourage individualized educational options for each student and academic programming integrates local native culture, extensive family and community outreach, and partnerships with Portland Community College and other post-secondary institutions.

For over thirty years, NAYA Family Center has provided educational services, cultural arts programming, and direct support reduce poverty to the Portland Metropolitan Area's American Indian and Alaska Native community. Started as a parent- and volunteer-led group centered on basketball and cultural arts activities, the opening of an Early College High School for Native youth realizes decades of work by parents and community members to ensure Native youth success.

We invite you to become a part of this unique and innovative educational environment that creates unlimited choices and opportunities for our future community leaders. *Where will your path take you?*



NAYA Early College Academy
 5135 NE Columbia Boulevard, Portland Oregon 97218
 Phone (503) 972-2461 Fax (503) 972-2498 www.nayapdx.org



PLEASE--READ BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO REGISTER YOUR STUDENT AT NAYA!!

To Parent and Guardians of Students who reside outside of the Portland School District:

If your student has been accepted to attend NAYA and your address is not within the Portland School District then we need you to obtain permission from the District you have an address that indicates Portland mailing address that is not guarantee that you live in Portland School District, you may live in one of the following school districts.

If you live in one of the three Districts listed below you must go to the High School's Counseling Office and request placement as a Contract Student at NAYA.

- *There will be a form for you to fill out, it requires a parent/guardian signature and can't be done over the phone and NAYA can not do this for you.*
- *Even though these Districts have contracts to transfer student in every case the "home school" has the right to approve or disapprove a student transfer.*

Gresham-Barlow District office 1331 NW Eastman Parkway Gresham, OR 97030 Phone 503 618-2450	Centennial High School, Counseling office 18135 SE Brooklyn Portland OR 97236
David Douglas High School, Counseling office 1001 SE 135 th Portland OR 97233	

Portland area schools that are not on Contract with us require you request an Inter-District Transfer

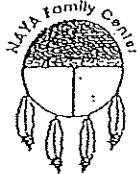
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These two Districts do not often grant approval a student transferring out of their District.	
Reynolds School District office 1204 NE 201 st Fairview, OR 97024 Phone 503 661-7200	Parkrose High School, Counseling office 12003 NE Shaver Portland, OR 97220 Phone 503 408-2601

Other school Districts have different requirements and you will have to contact those Districts individually.

Please understand NAYA can not take the liability of having your student start without an approved transfer. NAYA is a private school and without the District you reside in approving the transfer of your student the funding for your student will not be transferred to NAYA. It is imperative that you visit your student's "neighborhood" and obtain an approved transfer.

Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions.



Native American Youth and Family Center
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Parent Support Agreement

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your student is at NAYA Early College Academy because they need academic, behavioral and/or social support. We use a team approach to ensuring your child's needs are met. You are an important member of this team. We need your commitment to help your child be successful.

I (parent/guardian) agree to the following:

- If my child is to be late or absent from school I will call in. I understand that I must call in by 8:30 AM and that my child must be in school no later than 10:00 a.m. to be admitted for the day. Initial _____
- I understand that absences and being late can and will affect my child's grade. Initial _____
- I will have contact with teachers and/or counselors once every two weeks via phone or email.
 - If phone or email contact is not possible I will arrange other communication methods with the teachers and counselors. If I fail to follow through my child will be in jeopardy of losing placement. Initial _____
- I will support and encourage my child to attend after school tutoring as needed and as agreed upon. Initial _____
- Parents agree to not call or text students on their cell phone during the day. If they need to contact their son/daughter they should call the main office- even if it is an emergency (especially if it is an emergency so we can help students when they are told about whatever is going on). Initial _____
- Parents agree to not take students on any kind of extended vacation/trip. Initial _____
- I understand that if I do not adhere to the terms above and/or my child fails a class next quarter they will lose placement at the NAYA Early College Academy. Initial _____

NAYA Early College Academy agrees to the following:

- Teachers will follow – up with parents/guardians about parents' inquiries to their child's progress.
- Teachers will contact parent/guardian immediately if student has missed more than two assignments, failed a test and/or has been referred for discipline.
- Counselors will contact parents/guardians via phone and/or by written notice immediately if student is showing signs of struggle and/or has been referred for disciplinary action.

Parent Signature _____

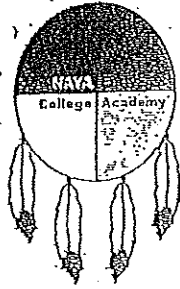
Date _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

NAYA Counselor _____

Date _____



Application Packet NAYA Early College Academy

The applicant and the applicant's parent/guardian must complete and return all parts of the following TOGETHER (except for the Letters of Reference) to the NAYA Early College Academy.

- Parent/Guardian Contract of Understanding
- Student Letter of Interest
- Parent Letter of Interest
- Community Based Option School Placement Request Form
- Parent Support Agreement
- Probationary Agreement

Additionally,

- The applicant must obtain 1 Letters of reference

We will call schedule interviews when we have received the letter of references.

Parent/Guardian of students under 18 must accompany students to interview meeting.

Parent/Guardian Contract of Understanding

Student Applicant _____ Grade in Fall, 2009 _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date Completed _____

The NAYA Early College Academy provides an individualized learning experience based in a culturally relevant curriculum that integrates high school diploma requirements with college readiness skills. Students of varying abilities and backgrounds fit well at the Academy if they are:

- Committed to maintaining the rigor of a college preparatory curriculum
- Interested in learning American Indian/Alaska Native culture and perspectives
- Willing to act in a manner that reflects the Academy's core values
- Comfortable learning in a diverse environment of students

Families are vital to students' success in the NAYA Early College Academy and are expected to:

- Work closely with their child(ren) and the Academy's educational staff
- Be comfortable with activity- and service-based educational experiences
- Take advantage of parent curriculum nights and other available family supports

Families are expected to make their own arrangements for transportation to and from school. Though our instructional support and enrichment services are consistent with Title I standards, we do not have formal Title I or IEP services. Students may continue Title I and IEP services through their home school.

Students accepted into NAYA ECA are on academic and behavioral probation for 10 school days. If daily reports indicate a successful level of participation and effort, the student will then become an accepted student and be able to participate in after-school activities, field trips, and extra-curricular events.

The NAYA Early College Academy provides choices for each student's life path in an individualized learning environment.

Your signature indicates you have read, understand and agree with the expectations for each student and their family.

Parent Signature _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Work Phone _____

Student Information for Application

Name _____ Gender _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Home Phone _____

Important we need to know your home school _____ we can not interview you without this information

Last school attended _____ Are you currently enrolled? Y/N C

Current year in school _____

If you have a current transcript from your last school please attach.

The following two people are submitting Letters of Reference for my application:

1. Name _____ Phone Number _____

2. Name _____ Phone Number _____

Student Letter of Interest

Student Applicant _____ Date _____

Your letter helps us know you better and why you are interested in the NAYA Early College Academy. You may attach a page. Some ideas to include:

- Successes and concerns in school.
- Your areas of academic and personal interest.
- What you think you have to offer to the NAYA Early College Academy community.
- How you work independently and within groups.
- Why you are interested in earning dual high school/college credits?
- How would an educational experience rooting in Native cultural values enrich your learning experience?
- Why you believe the NAYA Early College Academy would be the best school for you?

Applicant Signature _____

Parent/Guardian's Letter of Interest

Student Name _____

This letter helps us understand your reasons for supporting your child's placement request to the NAYA Early College Academy, and why you believe the NAYA Early College Academy is the best learning environment for your child. You may attach a page. Some ideas to include:

- Why you believe the NAYA Early College Academy would be the best school for your child.
- What are your child's interests and areas of enjoyment?
- What are your child's areas of expertise?
- How you can be supported by NAYA Early College Academy staff.

Parent Signature _____

Date Signed _____

Letter of Reference (1)

Student Applicant _____

Your Relationship to Student _____

Why do you believe this student would benefit from the NAYA Early College Academy? Do you have concerns about their participation at the NAYA Early College Academy?

Please return this form directly to the NAYA Early College Academy (see fax/address below).

This information may be shared with the family yes no

Individual completing form _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Letter of Reference (2)

Student Applicant _____

Your Relationship to Student _____

Why do you believe this student would benefit from the NAYA Early College Academy? Do you have concerns about their participation at the NAYA Early College Academy?

Please return this form directly to the NAYA Early College Academy (see fax/address below)

This information may be shared with the family _____ yes _____ no

Individual completing form _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Community Based Option School Placement Request Form

I. Filing an Enrollment Placement Request Form

Student's name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Grade for school year 2008-09 _____ Student's ID or SS#: _____

Address
Street _____ Apt. # _____ City State Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Daytime phone, if different: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parent Name(s): Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____

Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____

School currently attended: _____ Neighborhood School: _____

Current Teacher: _____ School Phone Number: _____

II. Reassignment

Placement Requests are reviewed by school administrators. If the placement request is approved, the student will be reassigned based on space availability.

NAYA Early College Academy does not guarantee approval to the requested school.
School year for which I am requesting reassignment: _____

School/Program that I would like considered when reassigning my child: _____

Reason for requesting an alternative placement to this school/program:

Your child is expected to attend your neighborhood or currently enrolled school while this request is being considered.

Parent/Supervising Adult Signature _____ Date _____

Please return completed form to NAYA Early College Academy
For School use only: Approval by-school? Yes _____ No _____