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## Dzil Ditl'ooi School of Empowerment, Action and Perseverance (DEAP)

DEAP is a community-led, state-chartered school that opened in September 2015 and serves grades 6-8 on the Navajo Nation. DEAP embraces Navajo culture through an agricultural and science-based curriculum aligned with Navajo content and state standards. Our mission is to help students develop a sense of place, tradition, and wellbeing, preparing and empowering youth to transform their community and the world around them. DEAP is a member of the NACA Inspired Schools Network (NISN).

Our students will be able to use their cultural, vocational and academic skills to analyze their surroundings in order to plan the transformation of their community and their world, live a healthy life and use the tools they were taught to achieve holistic wellness, use their understanding of identity, and its impact on local and global communities to promote the restoration and perpetuation of Diné culture, and honor the history and the legacy of the Dzi? Dit ?'ooí area by consciously balancing the needs of the land with the needs of the people.

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