



## ***Lakhóta Language Adult Immersion Apprentice***

**Department:** Native American Language Program Grant  
**Supervisor:** Director of Adult Lakota language instruction  
**Status:** Temporary / see position timeline  
**Classification:** Hourly

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### **MISSION**

*The mission of Red Cloud Indian School, Inc. (RCIS), a Catholic institution administered by the Jesuits and the Lakota people, is to develop and grow as a vibrant Church, through an education of the mind and spirit that promotes the values of the Lakota culture.*

*RCIS includes two elementary schools, a high school, The Heritage Center, and ten churches on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota. By integrating both Lakota culture and heritage with spiritual beliefs and practices from the Lakota and Catholic traditions, RCIS aims to educate both the mind and the heart of its students, parishioners, and staff, creating leaders of tomorrow with competence, conscience, and compassion.*

### **Position Summary:**

This position requires engagement in the Lakhóta language and cultural activities on a daily basis. Apprentices will work with Lakhóta Language Teachers and Master Speakers to increase fluency in the Lakhóta Language. Apprentices will work with Lakhóta Language Teachers to produce language related materials. Apprentices will spend 4-5 hours per day in Lakhóta Language proficiency classes, 2-3 hours in Immersion Education observation and/or Lakhóta Language classrooms.

### **I. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:**

1. Attend Lakhóta Language proficiency lessons 4-5 hours per day.
2. Track proficiency growth throughout the year using Linguafolio Assessment Tools.
3. Collaborating with Lakhóta Language Immersion Teachers to develop culturally appropriate activities/lessons that align with the classroom curriculum.
4. Participate in program activities including any community language tables and other cultural events.
5. Attend speaking sessions with Fluent Lakhóta Elders and other Lakhóta Language learners.
6. Assisting in Immersion and Lakhóta Language Classrooms, in accordance with Red Cloud Indian School Policies and Procedures.
7. Attending all applicable staff training sessions and meetings.
8. Input digital curriculum into existing software.
9. Other duties, as assigned.



**Other Program Duties:**

1. Willingness to assist in following COVID-19 guidelines by adhering to;
  - a. Social distancing guidelines
  - b. Sanitizing, disinfecting, or cleaning procedures

**II. POSITION QUALIFICATION AND SKILLS:**

- Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have reliable transportation.
- Applicants must be committed to learning and using the Lakǎóta Language on a daily basis.
- Prior experience working with children required; ***at least 1 year preferred.***
- Willingness to learn about Native American Culture, Language and Traditions.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Ability to collaborate as part of a team.
- Reliable, Responsible, and Flexible.
- Must be willing to submit to a background check, if over the age 18, and take the Youth Safe Environment training.

**POSITION TIMELINE REQUIREMENTS:**

- Approximately 32 hours per week
- \$14 an hour

**To apply:**

Send completed application and resume to  
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