



Lakħóta Language Student Intern (8)

Program: High School Lakħóta Immersion Experience

Pay Rate: \$12.00/hour

Hours: Up to 20 hours per week for 10 weeks (summer program)

Classification: Temporary

Supervisor: Director of Language Resource Center

Vision:

To be a Thriving and Renowned Community of Learners Grounded in Lakħóta and Catholic Beliefs, Values, and Practices

Mission

To promote a thriving community of learners grounded in Lakħóta and Catholic Beliefs, Values, and practices that cultivate our capacity to love and serve in a diverse and rapidly changing world.

Position Overview:

Maĥpiya Luta is seeking motivated high school students to serve as paid Lakħóta Language Interns as part of our summer immersion program. This opportunity is designed for students who have successfully completed Dual Credit Lakħóta Year 1 or Year 2 and are committed to deepening their language proficiency through immersive, hands-on experiences.

Interns will work in a supportive, Lakħóta-only environment to develop their speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills while also preparing for future roles as Lakħóta language educators. This position aligns with the school-to-work pathway and supports students in meeting the requirements for the South Dakota Lakħóta Language Teaching Certificate.

Key Responsibilities:

- Participate daily in Lakħóta language immersion sessions
- Engage in structured language activities such as conversation circles, storytelling, journaling, and games
- Support language normalization efforts by modeling active use of Lakħóta
- Attend and complete assigned Dual Credit coursework if enrolled in Year 2
- Collaborate with instructors and peers to promote a respectful, language-rich learning environment
- Maintain a daily log of language use and learning progress

Prerequisites:

- Must have successfully completed Dual Credit Lakǎóta Year 1 or Year 2
 - Must demonstrate a commitment to learning and using the Lakǎóta language
 - Must be available for the full 10-week summer session
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Preferred Qualifications:

- Interest in becoming a Lakǎóta language teacher or working in language revitalization
 - Strong communication and teamwork skills
 - Ability to follow language use agreements and immersion protocols
 - Must be at least 16 years of age or older. If 18 years old, must complete a Background Check and Safe Environment Training.
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Benefits:

- \$12/hour compensation
- Earn up to 160 hours of paid Lakǎóta language immersion experience
- Build toward eligibility for the South Dakota Lakǎóta Language Teaching Certificate
- Gain valuable work experience in a culturally grounded, school-to-work program

Certification: I have read and understand the preceding job duties, specifications, requirements, and accountabilities, and agree to execute the same in a manner that promotes equality of opportunity, dignity and due respect for all, consistent with the Mission of the Red Cloud Indian School, Inc.

Employee Signature

Date