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Award of a $5,597,900 contract for construction of a high school plant to accommodate 1,200 Navajo Indian students at Fort Wingate, N. Mex., was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

It will be the first high school of the Bureau of Indian Affairs located in the near vicinity of the Navajo Reservation.

The contract calls for construction of a 27-classroom school, six dormitories accommodating 168 pupils each, a kitchen and dining room for all)1,200 students, and related facilities. The basic school complex will include three typing classrooms, a language laboratory, two home economics rooms, a lecture room, two rooms for general science and biology, a chemistry laboratory, a physics laboratory, an industrial drawing classroom, a woodshop classroom, an electricity-radio classroom, a metal shop classroom, a 1,250-seat gymnasium with boys' and girls' dressing rooms, an instructional materials center, an administrative unit, and an auditorium with band and music rooms.

The successful bidder was Kaufman and Broad Building Co., 3033 N. Central, Phoenix, Ariz. Two higher bids were received, one for $5,773,800 and the other for $6,119,111.