



2014-2015 School Profile

CEEB Code: 320641

New Mexico School for the Arts is a state-wide charter school that provides a mastery art education as well as a rigorous academic course of study leading to a high school diploma to students from throughout the state of New Mexico. **NMSA** offers pre-professional instruction in the performing and visual arts, preparing New Mexico's artistically talented students to compete in the national arena for post-secondary education and/or professional careers in the arts. We opened our door to students in August of 2010. Currently students study in one of four artistic disciplines: dance, theater, music, or visual arts. Students from all disciplines are eligible to earn a minor with a certificate in creative writing in addition to their arts major. Students gain admission to **NMSA** through an audition or portfolio review process. In the course of a year, they complete between 400 and 550 hours of instruction in their artistic discipline, provided by teachers who are also working artists in their field.

Administration

Cindy Montoya, Principal, Charter School
Riis Gonzales, Director, Art Institute

Art Departments

- Theater: Joey Chavez (Chair), 4 Faculty
- Visual Arts: Cristina Gonzales (Chair), 4 Faculty
- Dance: Adam McKinney (Chair), 4 Faculty
- Music: Neil Swapp (Chair), 20 Faculty, including applied lesson instructors.

School

Size: 196
Grades: 9-12
Academic Year: 183 days
Classes: 9:20am – 4:45pm, M-F
Student Demographics:
- Caucasian 55%
- Hispanic 34%
- Native American 4%
- Asian 4%
- African American 3%

NMSA is represented by students from across the state, coming from a total of 28 different communities and pueblos spanning all 3 congressional districts. NMSA offers a residential program for students who live too far away for a reasonable daily commute.

Average ACT Scores (2013-14)

	English	Math	Composite
NMSA	24.4	21.0	23.5
National	20.3	20.9	21.0
State	18.9	19.7	19.9

Graduation Requirements

English	4
Social Studies	3.5
Mathematics	4
Science (2 lab)	3
Physical Education	1
Foreign Language	1
Art History	1
Senior Seminar	0.5
Electives	7
Total Required Credits	25

Cum GPA Distribution of the Class of 2015 as of June 2014

4.00+	21%
3.67-3.99	24%
3.33-3.66	24%
3.00-3.32	5%
2.67-2.99	7%
2.33-2.66	12%
0-2.32	7%

NMSA does not rank students

NMSA currently has a 97% retention rate and a 92% graduation rate.

Honors/Advanced Courses

English II Honors
English III Honors
Humanities & Integrated Arts Honors
Chemistry Honors
Physics Honors
Anatomy & Physiology Honors
Algebra II Honors
Calculus Honors
U.S. History Honors
Word! – Dual Credit Course
Public Speaking – Dual Credit Course
AP Music Theory
AP Studio Art

2014 College and University Acceptance

Bennington College
California Institute of Arts
College of Charleston
College for Creative Studies
Emerson College
Lewis & Clark College
Lubbock Christian University
New York University Tish
Oberlin College and Conservatory
Portland State University
Santa Fe Community College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Southwest School of Visual Arts
St. Edward's University
St. Olaf College
University of New Mexico
University of Richmond
Whittier College

Student Recognition and Awards

The many awards and accomplishments our students have achieved are listed on the following webpage:
<http://www.nmschoolforthearts.org/about/awards-and-achievements/>

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- In May 2014, NMSA received the designation "Exemplary School" by Arts School Network (ASN), the nation's largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools.
- NMSA received an A rating from the New Mexico Public Education Department for the 2011/2012, 2012/13 and 2013/14 school years.