



2017-2018 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 for 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

Eric Crites, Head of School
Chelamia Quintana, Assistant Principal

Art Departments

- Dance: Garret Anderson, Chair
- Music: Kurt Isaacson, Chair
- Theater: Joey Chavez, Chair
- Visual Arts: Karina Hean, Chair

School

Size: 223
 Grades: 9-12
 Academic Year: 183 days
 Classes: 9:20am – 4:45pm, M-F
 Student Demographics:
 - Caucasian 56%
 - Hispanic 30%
 - Native American 6%
 - Asian 4%
 - African American 4%

NMSA students represent the entire state, coming from a total of 32 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 (2016-17)

	English	Math	Composite
NMSA	23.5	20.6	22.8
National	20.3	20.7	21.0
State	18.6	19.4	19.7

Graduation Requirements

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

Cum GPA Distribution of the Class of 2018 as of June 2017

4.00+	13.5%
3.67-3.99	32.6%
3.33-3.66	19.3%
3.00-3.32	15.3%
2.67-2.99	9.7%
2.33-2.66	0%
0-2.32	9.6%

NMSA does not rank students.

NMSA currently has a 93% retention rate. The 2016 4-year graduation rate is 95%.

2017-18 Honors/Advanced Courses

- English II Honors
- English III Honors
- English IV Honors
- Chemistry Honors
- Algebra II Honors
- U.S. History Honors
- Government Honors
- Poetry I – Dual Credit Course
- Public Speaking – Dual Credit Course
- Playwriting – Dual Credit Course
- AP Music Theory
- AP Environmental Science

2017 College and University Acceptance

- American College Dublin
- American University
- Barnard College
- Baylor University
- CalArts
- Cornell College
- The Evergreen State College
- George Mason University
- Lawrence University
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- Oberlin Conservatory
- Ohio University
- Oklahoma City University
- Oregon School of Art and Craft
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Sarah Lawrence College
- St. John's College
- Tufts University
- University of Denver
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- University Portland
- University of Texas at Austin
- Willamette University

-Student Recognition and Awards

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

School Recognition and Awards

- In 2016, NMSA was named National Blue Ribbon School.
- In 2014 and 2016, NMSA received the designation “Exemplary School” by Arts School Network (ASN), the nation’s largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools.
- In March 2015, NMSA was given full accreditation by AdvancED, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of Pre K-12 schools and school systems to ensure that all learners realize their full potential.
- NMSA received an A rating from the New Mexico Public Education Department in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.