



2018-2019 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: John Selya, Chair
- Music: Kurt Isaacson, Chair
- Theater: Joey Chavez, Chair
- Visual Arts: Karina Hean, Chair

School

Size: 213
 Grades: 9-12
 Academic Year: 183 days
 Classes: 9:20am – 4:45pm, M-F
 Student Demographics:
 - Caucasian 59%
 - Hispanic 27%
 - Native American 6%
 - Asian 4%
 - African American 3%
 - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 1%

NMSA students represent the entire state, coming from a total of 31 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 (2017-18)

	English	Math	Composite
NMSA	23.6	20.2	23.0
National	NA	NA	NA
State	18.3	19.1	19.4

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+	24%
3.67-3.99	20%
3.33-3.66	16%
3.00-3.32	16%
2.67-2.99	14%
0-2.66	10%

NMSA does not rank students.

NMSA currently has a 93% retention rate. The 2017 4-year graduation rate is 96%.

2018-19 Honors/Advanced Courses

English II Honors
 English III Honors
 English IV Honors
 Chemistry Honors
 Algebra II Honors
 Calculus Honors
 U.S. History Honors
 Government Honors
 AP Environmental Science
 Poetry I – Dual Credit
 Business Communications – Dual Credit
 What is a Story? – Dual Credit

2018 College and University Acceptance

Boston University
 Chapman University
 Curry College
 Goucher College
 Grinnell College
 Hampshire College
 The Julliard School
 Juanita College
 Knox College
 Lawrence University
 Lesley University
 Lewis & Clark College
 Oberlin College of Arts & Sciences
 Rhode Island School of Design
 Reed College
 Regis University
 St. Edward’s University
 St. John’s College
 The New School of Architecture and Design
 Tufts University, School of the Museum of Fine Arts
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Denver
 University of New Mexico
 University of New Mexico BA/MD Program
 University of Portland
 University of Washington
 Whittier College
 Willamette College

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, 2018.