



2020-2021 School Profile

New Mexico School for the Arts is a statewide 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, visual, and creative writing 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 doors to students in August of 2010. Currently, students study in one of five artistic disciplines: creative writing and literature, 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 fields.

<p>Administration Eric Crites, Head of School Chelamia Quintana, Principal</p> <p>Art Departments - Creative Writing & Literature: James Reich, Chair - Dance: William Miglino, Chair - Music: John Rangel, Chair - Theatre: Joey Chavez, Chair - Visual Arts: Karina Hean, Chair</p> <p>School Size: 293 Grades: 9-12 Academic Year: 183 days Classes: 9:10am – 4:55pm, M-F Student Demographics: - Caucasian 54% - Hispanic 35% - Native American 7% - Asian 2% - African American 2%</p> <p>NMSA students represent the entire state, coming from a total of 43 different communities and Pueblos spanning all three congressional districts. NMSA offers a residential program for students who live too far away for a reasonable daily commute. The residential program is suspended for 2020-21.</p> <p>Average ACT Scores: Grad Year 2019</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>English</th> <th>Math</th> <th>Composite</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>NMSA</td> <td>23.6</td> <td>19.8</td> <td>22.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td>18.1</td> <td>18.9</td> <td>19.3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		English	Math	Composite	NMSA	23.6	19.8	22.7	State	18.1	18.9	19.3	<p>Graduation Requirements</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr><td>English</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Social Studies</td><td>3.5</td></tr> <tr><td>Mathematics</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Science (2 lab)</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Physical Education</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Foreign Language</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Humanities/Science Elective</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>Senior Seminar</td><td>0.5</td></tr> <tr><td>Electives</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Total Required Credits</td><td>25</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Cum GPA Distribution of the Class of 2020 as of June 2020</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr><td>4.00+</td><td>13%</td></tr> <tr><td>3.67-3.99</td><td>29%</td></tr> <tr><td>3.33-3.66</td><td>25%</td></tr> <tr><td>3.00-3.32</td><td>13%</td></tr> <tr><td>2.67-2.99</td><td>13%</td></tr> <tr><td>0-2.66</td><td>7%</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>NMSA does not rank students.</p> <p>NMSA currently has a 95% retention rate. The 2019 4-year graduation rate is 94%.</p> <p>2020-21 Honors/Advanced Courses English I Honors English II Honors English III Honors English IV Honors Chemistry Honors Anatomy & Physiology Honors Physics Honors Algebra II Honors Precalculus Honors Calculus Honors Spanish III Honors U.S. History Honors Government Honors French I, II – Dual Credit American Sign Language I - Dual credit Business Communication – Dual Credit Performance Poetry – Dual Credit</p>	English	4	Social Studies	3.5	Mathematics	4	Science (2 lab)	3	Physical Education	1	Foreign Language	1	Humanities/Science Elective	1	Senior Seminar	0.5	Electives	7	Total Required Credits	25	4.00+	13%	3.67-3.99	29%	3.33-3.66	25%	3.00-3.32	13%	2.67-2.99	13%	0-2.66	7%	<p>2020 College and University Acceptance</p> <p>American University of Paris Bard College Beloit College Cornell College Cornish College of the Arts Fort Lewis College George Mason University Gonzaga University Indiana University Knox College Lewis & Clark College Loyola Marymount University Maryland Institute College of Art Pace University Point Park University Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Sarah Lawrence College School of the Art Institute of Chicago St. John's College Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science & Art University of Denver University of Michigan University of New Mexico University of North Carolina University of Washington Western Washington University Willamette University</p> <p>School Recognition and Awards - In 2016, NMSA was designated a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Dept. of Education. - 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, 2019.</p>
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