



2024-2025 School Profile

CEEB Code: 320641

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. Students complete a dual curriculum in academics and the arts. Participation in the arts curriculum is required. 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 art major. Students gain admission to **NMSA** through a workshop process. In 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 Lori Ayala, Principal Sarah Pfisterer, Artistic Director</p> <p>Art Departments and Chair - Creative Writing & Literature: Santana Shorty - Dance: Fernando Ramos - Music: John Rangel - Theatre: Barbara Hatch - Visual Arts: Karina Hean</p> <p>School Size: 340 Grades: 9-12 Academic Year: 184 days Classes: 9:10am – 4:55pm, M-F Student Demographics: - Caucasian 45% - Hispanic 31% - Multi-Racial 18% - Native American 4% - African American 1% - Asian 1%</p> <p>NMSA students represent the entire state, coming from a total of 46 different communities and Pueblos spanning all three congressional districts. NMSA offers a residential program for students who live 65+ miles away for a reasonable daily commute.</p> <p>Average SAT Scores: Grad Year 2024</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>571</td> <td>496</td> <td>1067</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td>443</td> <td>417</td> <td>860</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		English	Math	Composite	NMSA	571	496	1067	State	443	417	860	<p>Graduation Requirements English 4 Social Studies 3.5 Mathematics 4 Science (2 lab) 3 Physical Education 1 Foreign Language 1 Senior Seminar 1 Electives 8 Total Required Credits 25</p> <p>Cum GPA Distribution of the Class of 2024 as of June 2024</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>4.00+</td> <td>26%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.67-3.99</td> <td>21%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.33-3.66</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.00-3.32</td> <td>11%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0-2.99</td> <td>12%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>NMSA does not rank students.</p> <p>NMSA currently has a 96% retention rate. The 2024 4-year graduation rate is 94%.</p> <p>2024-25 Honors Courses</p> <p>English I Honors English II Honors English III Honors English IV Honors Integrated Science Honors Biology Honors Chemistry Honors Anatomy & Physiology Honors Physics Honors Geometry Honors Algebra II Honors Precalculus Honors Calculus Honors Financial Algebra Honors Spanish III Honors World History Honors U.S. History Honors Government Honors Economics Honors Environmental Science Honors</p>	4.00+	26%	3.67-3.99	21%	3.33-3.66	30%	3.00-3.32	11%	0-2.99	12%	<p>2024 College and University Acceptance</p> <p>Bard College Bryn Mawr College Butler University California Institute of the Arts Chapman University Dickinson College Eastman School of Music Eugene Lang College at The New School Fordham University Franklin University Switzerland Goucher College Hampshire College Johns Hopkins University Kenyon College Lewis & Clark College Loyola Marymount University Manhattan School of Music New York University Northwestern University Occidental College Otis College of Art and Design Pitzer College Pratt Institute Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and Design School of the Art Institute of Chicago Smith College Southwestern University St. Edward's University St. John's College St. Olaf College Swarthmore College University of California (Berkeley) University of Washington (Seattle Campus) Vassar College Washington University in St. Louis 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. NMSA has received the highest rating on the New Mexico Public Education's school report card for every year ratings were issued: Grade of A, 2012-2019; Spotlight School, 2022, 2023. (Note: school ratings were not issued in 2020 & 2021.)</p>
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