

Legislative Education Study Committee

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Santa Fe, New Mexico



HISTORY OF NMSA



- Recognition of Need for Arts Education
 - NMSA Began with a Grass Roots Effort of Educators and Community Leaders
- New Mexico is a ***State of the Arts***
 - NM should have a premier public statewide school for the arts

NMSA IS UNLIKE A CHARTER OR TRADITIONAL SCHOOL



NMSA receives the same public school operational support for its program as other New Mexico public schools. However, NMSA's balance of art training, residential dormitory, and community engagement programs require significant additional funding as they are, for the most part, not covered through the state's funding formula (the state equalization guarantee or SEG).

LEGISLATION



NMSA was created through legislation.

2008: New Mexico School for the Arts Act Passed

Chapter 22 Article 15F NMSA Act

The purpose of the New Mexico School for the Arts Act is to provide for the establishment of the "New Mexico school for the arts" as a public statewide residential charter high school that provides New Mexico students who have demonstrated artistic abilities and potential with the educational opportunity to pursue a career in the arts.

NMSA & NMSA-Art Institute



NMSA Public School and NMSA-Art Institute work together to provide a rigorous academic and mastery arts high school education for students with passion and promise in the arts, leading to post secondary learning, careers in the arts, and lives that contribute to society.

Art Institute raised \$30M to build the current campus and raises funds annually to cover the costs of the outreach, residential, and balance of the arts programs.

ENROLLMENT OVER TIME



	9/1/10	9/1/11	9/1/12	9/1/13	9/1/14	9/1/15	9/1/16	9/1/17	9/1/18
CW & Lit									
Dance	20	30	28	30	27	28	27	28	23
Music	37	51	51	52	51	58	62	65	68
Theater	38	51	53	56	58	66	69	67	64
Visual Arts	42	53	59	66	61	62	63	66	60
Total	137	185	191	204	197	214	221	226	215

	9/1/19	9/1/20	9/1/21	9/1/22
CW & Lit	20	34	52	74
Dance	32	39	40	35
Music	72	80	81	80
Theater	65	69	66	69
Visual Arts	62	72	77	76
Total	251	294	316	334

PROGRAMS & OUTCOMES



Academic Program 9 AM – 2 PM

9th Grade Academy

Success Academy

Gender & Ethnic Studies

Environmental Science

Senior Seminar

American Sign Language

CTE Computer Sci

Anatomy & Physiology

Advisory

French

Spanish

Art Programs 2 PM – 5 PM

Creative Writing & Lit

Music: Instrumental & Vocal

Exhibitions

500 hours/year, 2000 hours over 4 years

Dance

Visual Arts

Guest Art Programs

Theatre

Applied Lessons

Performances

IMPACT OF ART ON EDUCATION



- Promotes creativity
- Encourages neural connectivity
- Develops problem-solving and critical thinking abilities
- Fosters community cohesion
- Reduces social exclusion
- Increases cognitive abilities in all subjects
- Learn how to learn (metacognitive aspect)
- Transformational at the individual level (Yazzie- Martinez)

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



- 2022 Graduation Rate 97%
- 2022 Retention Rate 95%
- 2022 College Acceptance Rate 100%
- Class of '22 Garnered Over \$8M in scholarships and financial awards

PSAT SCORES GRADE 9 & 10



NMSA PSAT DATA			
	School Mean Score		State Mean Score
9th Grade 2022	912		787
10th Grade 2022	981		836

NMSA'S STUDENT SUCCESS SYSTEM



- Growth Mindset: learning is iterative, mistakes are a part of the learning
 - Project Based Learning (PBL)
 - Standards Based Grading (SBG)
 - Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching
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- ❖ Full time college counselor
 - ❖ Full time high school counselor
 - ❖ 504 Coordinator
 - ❖ Special Education
 - ❖ Advisors
 - ❖ Cultural Liaison

Isabella 'Bella' Aldana- Returns to NM



2015 Alumna

Dance

Second year as

A Social Studies

Teacher



NMSA IS A STATEWIDE SCHOOL



NMSA serves students from across the state.

Currently, 33% or 108 students are from outside of Santa Fe County.

27 Communities and Tribal Nations are represented at NMSA.

Students access NMSA by:

- NM Rail Runner Express from communities south of Santa Fe
- Bus from Las Vegas
- Park and Ride from communities North of Santa Fe
- Commuters
- Sometimes, families move to Santa Fe

'ARTREACH': COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



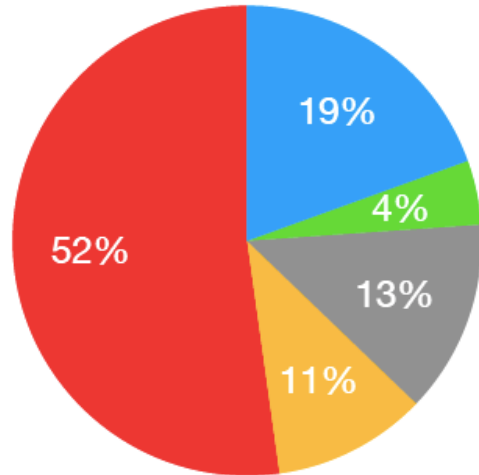
NMSA ACT 22-15F-6-D

The school shall conduct outreach activities throughout the state to acquaint potential students with the programs offered by the school. The outreach activities shall include programs for middle school students and workshops for teachers. There shall be no admission criteria established for participation in outreach activities.

APPLICANTS 12.1.22



- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts



113 Applicants as of 12.1.22

58 From Santa Fe

55 From Outside of Santa Fe

25 Residential Applicants

DORM PROGRAM



Currently, 30 students reside in a dorm program located at the Modern Elder Academy, formerly the Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat Center.

Residential Directory and Residential Assistants oversee the daily program.

Students hail from Arroyo Seco, Carson, Espanola, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, New Laguna, Ranchos de Taos, Roswell, Silver City, Socorro, and Taos.

Students attend NMSA from across the state

- **With the opening of the new dorm that will house 60 students, and with a 7-day-a-week program, more students from farther away can attend, allowing us to fulfill our statutory mission.**

INTERIM COMMITTEE: 2020 HM 42



PURPOSE

In 2020, the New Mexico House of Representatives passed House Memorial 42 to recognize to recognize New Mexico School for the Arts (NMSA) for its excellence in arts and academics for students statewide, and to convene a task force to report on the school's accomplishments and ***plans for continued success and sustainability.***

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS



1. Provide Capital Outlay funds to enable NMSA to plan, design, construct, equip, and furnish residential housing for sixty students. **DONE.**
2. Provide Extended Learning Time Program funding through the Public Education Department to NMSA and other schools with extended school days.
3. Support the proposed charter school facilities bill and base lease assistance payments on the number of students rather than on square footage. **DONE.**
4. Expand the Fine Arts Education Act to middle schools and high schools to enable more schools to offer arts programming.
5. Revise the state statute to designate NMSA as a new category of statewide school district; simultaneously, through statutory change, revise the SEG to increase the multiplier for NMSA students to generate additional operating revenue.

CASE FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT for operational funding of a 7-day-week residential program for 60 students.



- #1 5-day-a-week program excludes students from areas farthest from Santa Fe. A weekly commute is an impossible task for most families.
- #2. NMSA is legislatively created as a public residential statewide arts high school, and includes the requirement, as much as possible, to have equal representation from all three congressional districts.
- #3 The Interim Task Force addressed the both the need for a dormitory and the need for additional state operational funding.
- #4 NM Legislature provided \$8.3M to build the dorm on the campus. Now we need to a sustainable revenue source to operate the dorm.
- #5 NMSA ACT requires we provide housing for students from around the state who live too far away to attend school and have access and opportunity to this mastery art and academic education.

2023 LEGISLATION: Proposed Dorm Public Funding



We are working on identifying various funding sources, projecting expenses, and drafting a bill for the 2023 session.

We are looking to create a non-reverting permanent fund in the state treasury to support a 7-day-a-week dormitory program to allow students from around the state to attend NMSA and access it's arts and academic programs.



New Mexico School for the Arts

A student's passion for the arts can propel them to success in every aspect of life.

NMSA is committed to fostering that success by providing a strong foundation for artistic and academic growth in an inclusive and challenging environment that encourages exploration, expands imagination and cultivates creativity.

A fully funded for 7-day-a-week residential program will enable NMSA to fulfill its mandate to serve up to 400 students and to honor its foundational goals of *access and opportunity* for talented youth in every corner of New Mexico.

Vanezia Aguayo 2022 US Congressional Art Winner



NMSA student Vanezia Aguayo, 17, at her home in Santa Fe among her painting supplies and artwork. Aguayo recently won the 2022 U.S. Congressional Art Competition for Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández's district. Her work, a painting depicting an orange lowrider cruising through the desert beneath an array of hot air balloons, will be on display in Washington, D.C., for a year.

Jesse Begay

2022 National Student Poet



The program selects and provides scholarships annually to five student poets – one from each of the five U.S. geographical regions – to serve as literary ambassadors in their communities.



Jesse Begay from Santa Fe, N.M., pauses for applause after reading his poem during an event for the Class of 2022 National Student Poets hosted by first lady jill Biden at the White House in Washington Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022. Seated behind from left, Winslow Hastie, Jr., from Charleston, S.C., and Vidhu ←

Hugo Pizano Orozco *NMSA Class of 2017, Dance*



Juilliard School Class
of 2022

Currently dancing
with Ballet
Hispanico in NYC

In process of
changing his
status from DACA
as an artist of
exceptional talent

