

## **Virtual/Online Public and Charter Schools (Tuition Free)**

Some APS students and their families enjoyed online learning this past spring despite the trying circumstances. Others have indicated that they aren't comfortable going back to a traditional school setting until the coronavirus is contained or a vaccine is approved.

As a result, Albuquerque Public Schools is opening a full-time, online learning option for interested students in all grades this coming school year. APS is changing its online high school, eCademy, to be 100% virtual with no in-person requirements for students. APS is opening a new magnet school, eCademyK8 which will offer a comprehensive curriculum, a teacher/student ratio comparable to traditional classrooms, district-provided technology for each enrolled student, and school/home partnerships to ensure student success. The school is set to start on Aug. 12 along with all other APS schools. For more information visit <https://www.aps.edu/schools/schools/ecademy-k-8-online-magnet>.

The online school is not a temporary response to the coronavirus. Instead, it serves as yet another school choice for families seeking the best academic path for their child(ren). Students will be expected to attend all online classes, complete assignments, and receive grades and feedback.

**Albuquerque Public Schools eCademy K8**, 5300 Cutler NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 247-4209, Grades: K-8, Learning Zone: 9 (NW), website: <https://ecademy.aps.edu/ecademy-k8>, Traditional calendar, Magnet school

**eCademy Magnet HS**, 5300 Cutler NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 247-4209, Grades: 9-12, Learning Zone: 9 (NW), website: <https://ecademy.aps.edu>, Student enrollment: 374, Traditional calendar, Magnet school

**Destinations Career Academy of New Mexico**, this is a new program through the Gallup-McKinley County Schools open to all New Mexico residents, website: <https://nmdca.k12.com/>, Grades: K-12, Gallup-McKinley County Schools: 640 Boardman, Gallup, NM 87301, (505) 721-1000, <https://www.gmcs.org/>

Destinations Career Academy of New Mexico, a program of Gallup-McKinley County Schools, helps prepare students for a promising future with an innovative online program that merges traditional academics with real-world skills, giving students a jump-start on college and career goals. New Mexico-licensed teachers guide progress and tailor teaching to student needs. Students in this program are registered with the Gallup-McKinley County Schools and are assigned to a school in that district.

Additionally, all public schools (traditional and charter schools) are required to offer families a 100% virtual option for the 2020-21 school year due to COVID-

19. If your child attends a school in another district or a charter school, contact your local school or district for information on their program.

These schools are at capacity at many grade levels. Please contact the schools or check the website for information about current openings.

**Pecos Connections Academy**, open to students in grades K-11 who reside in New Mexico, Authorizer: Carlsbad Municipal Schools, website: <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/pecos-virtual-school>, Grades: K-11, physical site contact information- 1503 West Pierce, Carlsbad, NM 88220. 575-236-4005

Students throughout New Mexico have the opportunity to thrive at Pecos Connections Academy (PCA), a tuition-free public online school. PCA gives students the flexibility to learn at home with an online curriculum that meets rigorous state education standards. PCA opened for the 2016-17 school year to serve students in grades K-8. The school is adding one grade per year ultimately serving students in grades K-12 in the 2020-21 school year. The mission of Pecos Connections Academy is to create a personalized, student-centered approach to learning. This approach unites online learning with New Mexico-certified teachers resulting in scholastic and personal success for students statewide.

**New Mexico Connections Academy**, open to students in grades 4-12 who reside in New Mexico, website: <http://www.connectionsacademy.com/new-mexico-online-school/home.aspx>, Grades: 4-12, Authorizer: PEC, physical site contact information- 4001 Office Ct 201-204, Santa Fe, NM 87507, (505) 428-2130, \*\*\*Grades K-3 are available from the Pecos Connections Academy\*\*\*

The mission of New Mexico Connections Academy (NMCA) is to help each 4-12<sup>th</sup> grade student, throughout the state of New Mexico who needs an alternative to the traditional classroom for a particular time period, maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program, access to high quality NM-certified teachers, and high parental involvement. The mission will also include a school-within-a-school model with a focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).