

2016-2017 Handbook for Parents of School-Age Children

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Mission Support Group Commander's Welcome



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Dear Kirtland Parents

I would like to welcome you to the Land of Enchantment and "Team Kirtland". My goal is that your children will have an outstanding educational experience and you will have an exceptional tour at Kirtland AFB. Our commitment as a member of the Albuquerque community is very strong. In addition to great services and recreational facilities found on Kirtland, our location offers wonderful cultural opportunities and points of interest in the surrounding areas with local schools committed to providing quality education for our families.

The school system serving Kirtland AFB is Albuquerque Public Schools (APS), New Mexico's largest school system and the nation's 31st largest district. With enrollment of 88,000 children from Albuquerque and surrounding areas including Laguna and Isleta pueblos, APS is one of the largest and most diverse school systems in the nation. Kirtland AFB housing area has one elementary school, one middle school and one high school serving as feeder schools. There are many options to expand educational opportunities within APS through transfers to other schools in the district and a wide variety of charter schools associated with APS.

There are many additional educational options available in the Kirtland AFB area. Families who reside off base have opportunities for their children to attend schools in APS, Rio Rancho, Bernalillo, Los Lunas, Belen and Moriarty-Edgewood. In addition to these other school districts, there are also charter schools with state oversight and private schools in the area to choose from as well as home schooling opportunities. I encourage you to explore your options.

We have the pleasure to provide a full-time School Liaison Officer available to provide ongoing assistance regarding your children's educational needs. This handbook has been designed to assist you to maneuver through the complex educational opportunities offered in the greater Albuquerque area. If you have questions about our schools, please contact Beth Mann, Kirtland AFB School Liaison Officer.

Thank you for your commitment to your children's education and we know that your dedication to the United States Air Force comes with challenges. We hope that our partnership with you will make this important endeavor easier. We are committed to providing the services needed to ensure a successful tour at Kirtland AFB.


D. ANTHONY HAUGHT, Colonel, USAF
Commander, 377th Mission Support Group

Welcome to Albuquerque!

We look forward to having a great school year whether your child is here from the first day or moving into our area. If you are new to Kirtland AFB, I assure you that this can be one of your most rewarding assignments! We have a strong roadmap for success and will work throughout the year towards educational success for your child.

The School Liaison Officer program at Kirtland includes an appointed Military School Liaison Officer (MSLO) and a full-time civilian School Liaison Officer (SLO) to assist Department of Defense (DoD) employees and their families with local school issues for public, charter, private, on-line, and home-schooling needs. Our program has built a strong, supportive relationship with the Albuquerque Public Schools District. We will need your help to expand this relationship to help improve our schools. We encourage you to take an active role in volunteering at schools your children attend. Parental involvement is the key to a positive school experience for both children and parents.

Again, welcome back to school. If you have questions about our schools, please contact the Kirtland Air Force Base School Liaison Office at DSN 246-6477, commercial (505) 846-6477, e-mail beth.mann.1@us.af.mil. The School Liaison Office is located in the 377 Mission Support Group Command Section, Suite D-3, in the Wing Headquarters building at 2000 Wyoming Blvd.

Please contact me should you have additional questions and/or concerns.

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General Information on New Mexico Education

Immunizations

The state of New Mexico requires all students to be fully immunized against Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (DTaP), Polio (OPV or IPV), Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR), Hepatitis B and Varicella. All students must have their Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) for entry into 7th grade and beyond. Meningococcal and HPV vaccinations are also recommended at the same time. Please review the New Mexico Department of Health Immunization Program Website at www.immunizenm.org. For information call the New Mexico Immunization Toll Free Hotline (888) 231-2367.

Kindergarten

Children admitted to the kindergarten program shall be at least 5 years old on or before 31 August. New Mexico Kindergarten programs are full day programs. For additional eligibility and registration information, contact your home school. If your child started Kindergarten at your previous location, they miss the NM age cutoff, and one parent is active duty, your child is allowed to enroll in Kindergarten per the Interstate Compact of Educational Opportunity for Military Students. Please contact the School Liaison Officer if you have any difficulty.

New Mexico Public Education Department

New Mexico statutes require the department to adopt academic content and performance standards and to measure the performance of public schools in New Mexico. New Mexico has adopted the entire Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Math. New Mexico has added an additional 15% of state-specific standards focusing on culturally relevant texts and instruction to the English Language Arts standards. The standards for all other subjects have not changed. According to the NM Public Education Department (PED), New Mexico's standards rated among best in the nation- Standards, Assessments, Accountability ranked 16th and earned an A. Visit the New Mexico Public Education Department's webpage for Standards for more information- www.ped.state.nm.us/standards/.

Common Core State Standards

The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English Language Arts and Mathematics presents a significant opportunity to accelerate and drive education reform toward the goal of ensuring that all children graduate from high school ready for college, work, and competing in the global economy and society. These standards are implemented in all grades in New Mexico. The great thing about the CCSS is that 42 states, Washington, D.C. and the DoDEA school system have adopted these standards, so the educational expectations in the public schools will remain the same across most of the country. Virginia hasn't adopted the CCSS, but their current educational standards are very similar to the CCSS. Minnesota has adopted the English Language Arts standards, but has not adopted the Math standards. The other states that have not adopted the CCSS are

Alaska, Indiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas. New Mexico has adopted an additional 15% of state-specific standards in ELA which focus on cultural responsiveness. For information on how the Common Core Standards are implemented in New Mexico, please visit <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/CCSSI/index.html>.

New Mexico State Standards

New Mexico has adopted educational standards to set clear goals for instruction in these subject areas: Science, Social Studies, Arts Education (Dance, Music, Theater/Drama, and Visual Arts), Career and Technical Education, English Language Development, Health Education, Physical Education and Modern, Classical and Native Languages. The NM Science and Social Studies content standards in grades 6-12 are supplemented by the Common core standards for literacy in science, social studies and the technical subjects.

Special Education

The New Mexico Public Education Department Special Education Bureau provides oversight for all Special Education in the state. To find out more about New Mexico Public Education Department Special Education Bureau, find statutes, rules and guidance, and a variety of information and resources, visit <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/SEB/index.html>.

Gifted Education

In the state of New Mexico, gifted education falls under the Special Education Department. Students are identified through a referral and evaluation process. Programs are developed for each student through the Individualized Education Program (I.E.P.). Gifted services are provided through a variety of classroom models. More information can be found at the NM PED Special Education Bureau website- <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/SEB/index.html>.

Interstate Compact for the Educational Opportunity for Military Students

This Interstate Compact addresses the unique issues students of Military families face due to frequent relocations in the course of service to our country and during stressful times of deployments. In an event to reduce the significant school challenges faced by these families, the Council of State Governments; National Center for Interstate Compacts developed this legislation to create an even playing field as our military children transfer between schools systems and states. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have adopted the voluntary Compact through legislation. New Mexico adopted the compact in May 2010 and is currently in the process of establishing the committee that will oversee its enforcement throughout the state. The compact addresses many of the difficulties families face during PCS and deployments. It specifically covers-

1. Enrollment
 - o Educational Records
 - o Immunizations required for school
 - o Age of Enrollment/Course continuation

2. Eligibility
 - Power of Attorney
 - Tuition
 - Non-Custodial parents
 - Extracurricular Activities
3. Placement
 - Course placement/Educational Program placement
 - Special Education Services
 - Placement Flexibility
 - Absence as related to deployment activities
4. Graduation
 - Waiver requirements
 - Exit exams
 - Transfers during Senior year

Because the state level commission has yet to meet, there has not been any effort to enforce the compact by school districts. Albuquerque Public Schools has voluntarily adopted policies and procedures to fulfill all areas of the compact. To review APS's Military Children Procedural Directives, visit <http://www.aps.edu/about-us/policies-and-procedural-directives/procedural-directives/j.-students/military-children>. For more information on the Interstate Compact, visit www.mic3.net.

Testing in New Mexico: An Overview

As required in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the new reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), schools in New Mexico administer standardized test to assess student learning. New Mexico Public Education Department also requires testing in addition to the waiver requirements. New Mexico implemented a new assessment aligned to the Common Core Standards in the 2014-15 school year. The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is the assessment New Mexico has adopted. The PARCC assessment is completely computer based. These tests will be given to students in grades 3-11 and will cover English Language Arts (ELA), both reading and writing, and Math. The assessment will be given in April. The PARCC test will be used to determine competency required for graduation in the subject areas of mathematics, reading and possibly writing. Other state mandated testing requires interim assessments in reading for students in grades K-3rd. These reading assessments are given three times per year.

The New Mexico Standards Based Assessment (NMSBA/SBA), a standards-based test is given to assess student learning in Science in 4th, 7th and 11th grades. The SBA measures specific skills defined for each grade in the NM Content Standards. This test is administered in March. This test will be used to determine competency required for graduation in the science subject area.

Additional state mandated testing includes End of Course (EoC) exams in high school. End of course exams are also used to determine competence in the social studies subject required for graduation. The End of Course exams in Writing and Science may also be used for graduation requirements. End of Course exams are required in a variety of subjects/grades. Students must complete the course before they are allowed to take the exam. The following chart details all required testing in NM public schools.

Subject	Testing time frame	Elementary School grades tested	Middle School grades tested	High School grades tested	Cut score Required for Graduation
PARCC- Reading	April	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	6 th , 7 th , 8 th	9 th , 10 th , 11 th	Yes
PARCC- Math	April	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	6 th , 7 th , 8 th	9 th , 10 th , 11 th	Yes
PARCC- Writing	April	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	6 th , 7 th , 8 th	9 th , 10 th , 11 th	TBD
SBA- Science	March	4 th	7 th	11 th	Yes
Interim Assessment- Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)	Fall, Winter, Spring	K, 1 st , 2 nd	~~~~	~~~~	No
EoC- Music	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Physical Education	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Pre-Algebra	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th	No
EoC- English III- Reading	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	** 11 th	Alternate
EoC- Spanish III- Reading	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	** 11 th	Alternate
EoC- English III- Writing	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	** 11 th	TBD
EoC- Spanish III- Writing	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	** 11 th	TBD
EoC- English IV- Reading	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	** 12 th	Alternate
EoC- English IV- Writing	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	** 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Spanish I (foreign language)	End of Course	~~~~	** 7 th , 8 th	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Algebra I	End of Course	~~~~	** 8 th	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Algebra II	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Integrated Math	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Mathematics ADC	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Geometry	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Pre-Calculus	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Financial Literacy	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate

EoC- Health	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Biology	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Chemistry	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	**10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Physical Science	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Physics	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Environmental Science	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Anatomy and Physiology	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Alternate
EoC- Economics	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	** 12 th	One S.S. EoC is required
EoC- New Mexico History	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	** 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	One S.S. EoC is required
EoC- U.S. History	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	** 11 th , 12 th	One S.S. EoC is required
EoC- World History and Geography	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	** 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	One S.S. EoC is required
EoC- U.S. Government	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	** 12 th	One S.S. EoC is required
EoC- Intro to Science of Agriculture	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Intro to Physical Science of Agriculture	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Intro Agricultural Mechanics	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Nutrition	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Culinary Arts I	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Driver's Education	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Basic Computer	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- General Computer Apps	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Intro to Art	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Ceramics	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Digital Photography	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No
EoC- Drama	End of Course	~~~~	~~~~	9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	No

** Students take EoCs after completing the course, so grade levels vary.

Other additional tests that are given are listed below.

Albuquerque Public Schools

APS schools give District Formative Assessments three times a year to Kindergarten students in Math and to all students in grades 1st- 8th in both Math and Reading/Language Arts. These tests are tied to the curriculum used in the classroom and monitor a student's progress over the course of the school year. APS participates in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), "the Nation's Report Card" and tests a sampling of students in grade 4 (at selected schools), grade 8 (all middle schools) and grade 12 (selected schools).

Rio Rancho Public Schools

Rio Rancho uses a test developed by the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) called the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) as their short-cycle assessment. Students in grades K-8 test in language arts, reading and math three times a year. The NWEA is also used in the high schools for intervention information. NWEA results are expressed in RIT scores, which permit comparison of scores across grade levels.

Los Lunas Public Schools

Los Lunas schools use the Discovery Education as their short-cycle assessment. They administer this test to students in grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade three times a year and students in grades 3-10 twice a year. Students are tested in Math, Language Arts and Reading.

Los Lunas also requires a reading assessment, the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA2), to be given to students grades K-6 in the fall and spring. Kindergarteners in LLPS are given the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) in the fall, winter and spring.

New Mexico Graduation Requirements

State Mandated graduation requirements set minimum levels for required courses and competency levels in reading, writing, math, science and social studies for all schools in the state. The graduation requirements differ depending on what year the student entered high school as a freshmen. Additional requirements vary by school district. State mandates require that students must take one unit of Advance Placement, Honors, dual credit or distance learning as one of the credits required for graduation. Additional district requirements are listed under each district's section.

The basic state requirements are as follows:

Entered HS as a freshmen in:	2013 or later	2012
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science	3 (2 w/lab)	3 (2 w/lab)
New Mexico History	0.5	0.5
Government	0.5	0.5
US History & Geography	1	1

World History & Geography	1	1
Economics	0.5	0.5
Physical Education	1	1
Practical Arts	1*	1**
Health Education	0.5 or 1	
Electives	7.5	7.5
Total	24.5 or 25	24

* Practical Arts- Courses in career cluster, workplace readiness, or language other than English will satisfy this requirement.

Alternative Method of Earning High School Credits

There are three non-traditional options to earning credits in High School.

Dual Credit

The purpose of dual credit is to encourage and provide opportunities for high school seniors to take advanced courses concurrently at the high school and post-secondary institutions if they wish to accelerate their learning experiences. Credit for advanced course work taken at a public post-secondary institution may be granted by the high school, subject to established provisions. It is important to work with your child's school in selecting courses for the dual credit program. The University of New Mexico (UNM) and the Central New Mexico (CNM) community college currently have Dual Credit agreements with many local school districts. For more information on UNM's dual credit program, visit their webpage at <http://advisement.unm.edu/dual-enrollment/> and for CNM's High School Programs, visit their webpage at www.cnm.edu/highschoolprograms/index.php.

Online Courses

Most local districts have online course options for high school credit recovery. Albuquerque Public schools offers online courses for credit recovery or accelerated learning through their eCADEMY School. Rio Rancho allows for students to earn credits for graduation through E-20/20 (Edgenuity). Parents are responsible for all monetary fees for these courses.

Correspondence Courses

Most districts accept credit toward graduation from correspondence schools accredited by the National Home Study Council, the state board of education of the state in which the school is located, or by a college or university that is regionally accredited for such purposes. The North Central Association *Summer Quarterly* annually lists all colleges and universities accredited to offer courses for high school credit. Students who request information about correspondence courses should meet with their school counselors to enroll in accredited programs. Matriculation may not interfere with the regular attendance at the high school unless arrangements are made for released time. It is the student's responsibility to provide verification of course completion to the high school.

Charter Schools

In Albuquerque and the surrounding area, there are 51 charter schools. APS provides oversight for the majority of schools in the area; The NM Public Education Department provides oversight for the other area charter schools. The New Mexico Statutes state, " The Charter Schools Act [22-8B-1 NMSA 1978] is enacted to enable individual schools to structure their educational curriculum to encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods that are based on reliable research and effective practices or have been replicated successfully in schools with diverse characteristics; to allow the development of different and innovative forms of measuring student learning and achievement; to address the needs of all students, including those determined to be at risk; to create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the school site; to improve student achievement; to provide parents and students with an educational alternative to create new, innovative and more flexible ways of educating children within the public school system; to encourage parental and community involvement in the public school system; to develop and use site-based budgeting; and to hold charter schools accountable for meeting the department's educational standards and fiscal requirements."

New Mexico PreK

This program provides early childhood education to four-year-olds to help prepare them for kindergarten at a limited number of public elementary schools and private child development centers throughout the state. Children must be 4 years old on or before 31 August of school year they are attending and meet program eligibility criteria. For additional information, contact your district's Early Childhood Office or the NM PreK Program Manager at (505) 827-6561.

General Education Information

Impact Aid

The mission of the Impact Aid Program is to disburse Impact Aid payments to local educational agencies that are financially burdened by federal activities and to provide technical assistance and support services to staff and other interested parties. At the beginning of each school year, your child's school will send home a form to be completed by a parent or guardian. Please complete and return this form- it is our only means of providing financial support to the local school districts. Since 1940, Congress has provided financial assistance to local school districts through the Impact Aid Program. Impact Aid was designed to assist local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt Federal property, or that have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015. This Act reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation's national education law. The previous version of the law, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, was enacted in 2002. Now, the U.S. Department of Education will work with states and districts to draft the regulations for implementation of the new law.

New Mexico No Child Left Behind Waiver

New Mexico was granted a waiver to NCLB, the previous Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act. New Mexico will continue under this waiver until the ESSA is implemented. The waiver details the state's strategy to increase the quality of instruction for students and improve student achievement. For more information, visit New Mexico's NCLB Waiver webpage at <http://ped.state.nm.us/skandera/waiver/index.html>.

Military Child Education Coalition

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is a private organization working to solve the challenge of helping schools and military installations deliver accurate, timely information to meet transitioning parent and student needs, and in the development and education of children from military families. MCEC is an advocate for military connected children and their website has great tools for parents- www.militarychild.org.

Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) General Information

Important Dates- <http://www.aps.edu/schools/school-calendars>

 First Day of School- Students

11 August 2016

Find a School

The Albuquerque Public School's Find a School is an automated process. You may locate your child's school by going to the school district's website- www.aps.edu or you may call the APS Student, School and Community Service Center at (505) 855-9040.

Registration

You will need the following documents to register:

- Child's birth certificate
- Child's vaccination records
- Proof of address (such as a current utility bill, mortgage, or lease agreement with your name and current address on it)

Bring the following documents, when possible:

- Information on previous school attended
 - Address, phone numbers, other contact information
 - School profile/Handbook
 - School Web page (URL)
 - For High School
 - Course description book/Grading scale (if available)
 - Copy of the cover of each textbook or the Title Page
- School Records
 - Copy of Cumulative folder/Transcripts ("official" copy must be mailed between schools)
 - Current schedule/Report cards
 - Withdrawal grades or Progress Reports
 - Test Scores (standardized or Special Program Testing, etc.)
- Special Program Records as appropriate
 - Individual Education Program (IEP)
 - Section 504 Accommodation Plan (504 plan)
 - Gifted Program Description and placement documentation
 - English as a Second Language (ESL) or Bilingual Education

APS Transfers to non-home school

Students who live within the attendance area for a school get first priority to attend that school. If a school **does not** fill up, additional students may transfer into that school. APS will approve transfers only if a school has space for new students. If more people request spaces than are available, a lottery-style random drawing will be used to approve transfers and assign spaces at each particular school. The random selection process used is in compliance with state and federal regulations. The process also factors in student needs.

Transfer request guidelines

Transfer requests can be submitted by a parent, legal guardian, students at least 18 years old, or students that have been legally emancipated. You will need to complete the required transfer request form; transfer information and the form can be found at <http://www.aps.edu/schools/transfers>. You can also contact the Transfer Office at (505) 855-9050. Students will only be approved for one transfer per year. It helps to apply early. Those who apply at any time during the first transfer window will be included in the first random drawing for schools. The first transfer window is now open from January 1 through January 31. After the first drawing, APS will hold additional random drawings later in the year as space becomes available at schools.

APS has started notifying families by email of the transfer request status. Remember, students should attend their neighborhood school until their transfer request is approved.

Transfer Priorities

1. First priority transfers (also known as second priority students) are students who attend schools rated F by the New Mexico Public Education Department for two of the last four school years and who request a transfer into a school not rated F.
2. Second priority transfers (third priority students) are students who have previously attended the requested school.
3. Third priority transfers (4a priority students) are students who have siblings already attending the school requested and will be attending simultaneously.
4. Fourth priority transfers (4b priority students) are students who qualify in one of the following preferences using a random lottery selection process:
 1. students who have other siblings requesting the same school but none currently attending the requested schools,
 2. students who are children of an employee of the requested school,
 3. students who have at least one parent who is an active military duty member of the armed forces of the United States or a member of the national guard on active duty assignment (unit and duty number must be provided).

5. Fifth priority transfers (4c priority students) are students who qualify in one of the following preferences using a random lottery selection process:
 1. after school care for students,
 2. child care for siblings of students attending the requested school,
 3. extreme hardship,
 4. location of the student's previous school
 5. student safety
6. Sixth priority transfers (4d priority students) are students requesting transfers for other reasons using a random lottery selection process.
7. Lastly, APS processes all other student transfer requests.

Moving within APS

Students who move during the school year may finish the school year at the school in their old neighborhood (if space is available). They will also have first priority to attend the designated school for their new address. **NOTE:** If you request a transfer to stay in the school at the student's old address, you will be given **second** priority in processing their transfer request.

Waiting Lists

If a transfer request cannot be approved for any of the requested schools, the student's name will automatically be placed on a **waiting list** for that school year. If space becomes available at a school, students on the waiting list will get transferred first, and new enrollments will be processed at the beginning of the following semester or grading period. If a transfer request is approved for any of the requested schools, all remaining requests will be withdrawn and the student's name will be removed from all waiting lists.

NOTE: Waiting lists do not carry over from one year to the next. You must complete a new application each year, even if it's the same request as last year. If your request was approved, special circumstances may require you to apply again. (See Renewing Transfers information below).

You may contact the APS Transfer Office at (505) 855-9050 to get information about school enrollment space and program availability.

Multiple Students

A separate application form must be submitted for each student requesting a transfer. Please note that there is no guarantee that requests for multiple students will be approved at the same time. If you are submitting requests for multiple students with the hope of placing them at the same school, list a single school on the Transfer Request Form to avoid having them placed in separate locations.

Approved Transfers

As soon as you receive a transfer approval, please contact your new school to find out when the student can complete the registration process. The registration process for approved transfers varies depending on when you receive the approval notification:

Before summer: Contact your new school to see if they want you to pre-register for the fall semester.

During summer: Try contacting the school and be sure to process your paperwork by the time of fall registration. Please be aware that you might not be able to reach anyone during summer break.

During the School Year: Contact your new school as soon as you receive the transfer approval. Watch out! If you wait too long to contact the school, you may lose your spot.

If the student is currently enrolled in an APS school, you will probably need to get **withdrawal papers** from their current school. However, APS encourages you to contact the transfer school to find out what paperwork you need to bring with you.

Renewing Transfers

Students who have successfully transferred schools will usually be automatically re-enrolled each year at the transfer school. However, because transfer requests are granted on the basis of available programs and classroom size, automatic transfer re-enrollment is not guaranteed. A new transfer request will need to be filled out if:

1. Classrooms become overcrowded by students who live in the district assigned school area.
2. The transfer student has been promoted to the next school level (for example, from elementary to middle school) and wants to attend a school other than their neighborhood school.
3. The transfer student is withdrawn from their transfer school.

Delayed Openings, Cancellation & Early Dismissal

New Mexico schools' delayed openings are called 2-hour delays. School starts two hours after the normal start time and is released at the normal time (on Wednesday, elementary school will release at the regular non-early release time). Early dismissal is when schools are released prior to the regular end of day time. Delayed opening decisions will be made and announced before 0530 and aired on all local news channels and the APS website. School Cancellations announcements will be made by 0800 and early dismissals will be announced by 1130.

AVID- Advancement via Individual Determination

AVID is designed to increase school-wide learning and performance. The mission of AVID is to ensure that all students, especially the least served students in the academic middle, complete a college preparatory path. This program is offered at

Van Buren Middle School and Highland High School, which serves our base population.

APS also offers this program in high schools at Albuquerque High, Atrisco Heritage Academy High, Del Norte High, Rio Grande High, Manzano High, Valley High, and West Mesa High. The program is offered in middle school at Cleveland Middle, Ernie Pyle Middle, Garfield Middle, Grant Middle, Harrison Middle, Hayes Middle, Jackson Middle, Jefferson Middle, Jimmy Carter Middle, John Adams Middle, Kennedy Middle, McKinley Middle, Polk Middle, Taylor Middle, Truman Middle, Washington Middle, and Wilson Middle.

Graduation Requirements

APS currently requires a 0.5 credit in health education for all students and an additional 0.5 elective credit. It is a NM state requirement that students must take one unit of Advance Placement, Honors, dual credit or distance learning and one unit in one of the following: career cluster course, work place readiness, or a language other than English in order to meet state graduation requirements.

The basic requirements are as follows:

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
New Mexico History	0.5
Government	0.5
US History & Geography	1
World History & Geography	1
Economics	0.5
Health	0.5
Physical Education	1
Practical Arts/Fine Arts*	1
Electives	8
Total	25

* Courses in business education, family and consumer science, technology education, computer science, ROTC, art, music, drama, yearbook and newspaper will satisfy the practical arts/fine arts requirement.

Alternative Method of Earning High School Credits

There are three non-traditional options to earning credits in High School.

Dual Credit

The purpose of dual credit is to encourage and provide opportunities for high school seniors to take advanced courses concurrently at the high school and post-secondary institutions if they wish to accelerate their learning experiences. Credit for advanced course work taken at a public post-secondary institution may be granted by the high school, subject to established provisions. It is important to work with your child's school in selecting course for the dual credit program. APS currently has Dual Credit agreements with the University of New Mexico (UNM) and the Central New Mexico (CNM) community college. For more information on UNM's dual credit program, visit their webpage at <http://advisement.unm.edu/dual-enrollment/> and for CNM's High School Programs, visit their webpage at www.cnm.edu/highschoolprograms/index.php.

Online Courses

Albuquerque Public School's eCADEMY provides alternative education opportunities through a variety of electronic delivery methods. All core courses and some elective courses are offered for credit recovery or accelerated learning. Computers and other technological support for students are available at eCADEMY and four partner high schools. Teachers are available to help students from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every school day. All classes incorporate an element of face-to-face instruction with teachers and peers. The meetings are held at a variety of flexible times to accommodate the students' school and work schedules. There is a \$25 registration fee per trimester. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors may only take 1 class per trimester, while seniors may take up to 2 classes per trimester.

Correspondence Courses

APS accepts credit toward graduation from correspondence schools accredited by the National Home Study Council, the state board of education of the state in which the school is located, or by a college or university that is regionally accredited for such purposes. The North Central Association *Summer Quarterly* annually lists all colleges and universities accredited to offer courses for high school credit. Students who request information about correspondence courses should meet with their school counselors to enroll in accredited programs. Matriculation may not interfere with the regular attendance at the high school unless arrangements are made for released time. It is the student's responsibility to provide verification of course completion to the high school. For more information on either of these programs and for additional programs, visit APS's Alternative Method of Earning Credits webpage: <http://www.aps.edu/about-us/policies-and-procedural-directives/procedural-directives/i-instruction/alternative-methods-of-earning-credit>.

High School Schedule

All APS high schools follow a standardized, seven-period bell schedule that combines traditional and block scheduling. The first bell (school starts) at 7:25 am every day, the last bell (school release) is 2:25 pm. The current schedule is:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 st Period	48 min	51 min	51 min	51 min	51 min
2 nd Period	48 min	1 hr, 42 min		1 hr, 42 min	
3 rd Period	48 min		1 hr, 42 min		1 hr, 42 min
4 th Period	48 min	1 hr, 42 min		1 hr, 42 min	
5 th Period	48 min		1 hr, 42 min		1 hr, 42 min
6 th Period	48 min	1 hr, 42 min		1 hr, 42 min	
7 th Period	48 min		1 hr, 42 min		1 hr, 42 min

APS Schools of Choice

Education is no longer one size fits all, so Albuquerque Public Schools is offering more and more choices for their students, including several magnet schools and alternative programs.

College & Career High School

APS has joined with the Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) to develop a dual-credit school on the main CNM campus that allows students to complete their high school diploma while earning a two-year college degree, certificate or credits towards a bachelor's degree. College & Career High School opened in the fall of 2013 to sophomores, juniors and seniors from across the greater Albuquerque community. Students pay no tuition for college classes or textbook fees, and they get a jump on their college education. The school is on an alternate schedule. For more information, please visit <http://cchs.aps.edu/>.

APS eCADEMY

APS now has a full-time virtual high school that blends online classes with face-to-face instruction with the teachers and peers. There are no tuition or textbook fees for students. While much of the classwork will be completed online, students will be required to spend some time on campus, for example, for science labs. The school is on a trimester schedule. eCADEMY also offers online courses and credit recovery courses for students enrolled in any APS high schools or APS charter schools for a \$25 trimester registration fee. High school students in non-APS charter schools pay \$200 per trimester for coursework. For more information, please visit <http://ecademy.aps.edu/>.

APS Virtual School

APS is planning to open a full-time virtual middle and high school for the 2016-17 school year. The current intent is this school will be conducted almost completely online. APS aims to provide a world-class education via an innovative delivery system and is committed to providing a high quality education that is tailored to the needs of their students. The district is still working on the details of student

completion of middle and high school requirements and has advised that physical education classes and science laboratories may require face-to-face instruction. There are no tuition or textbook fees for students. The school is collecting information on students interested in enrolling in this program. For more information, contact the KAFB School Liaison Officer or visit the school's webpage- <http://ecademy.aps.edu/>.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Sandia High School is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School, offering the academically rigorous Diploma Programme. Though it is housed at Sandia High School, all qualified students from around Albuquerque are invited and encouraged to participate in the program. Students enter the two-year program as juniors. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is designed as an academically challenging and balanced program of education with final examinations that prepare students for success at the university level and beyond. The program has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities. For more information, please visit <http://www.aps.edu/ib/international-baccalaureate-program>.

Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Program

Cibola High School and La Cueva High Schools AP Capstone gives students the opportunity to apply critical thinking, collaborative problem-solving, and research skills in a cross-curricular context. Its foundation is built on a two-year high school course sequence- AP Seminar and AP Research- and is designed to complement and enhance the in-depth, discipline-specific study provided through AP courses. AP Seminar and AP Research are currently being offered at both high schools.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the AP Capstone Diploma. Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research but not on four additional AP Exams will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate. For more information, please visit <https://lp.collegeboard.org/ap-capstone>.

nex+Gen Academy

nex+Gen Academy is a small community school with a capacity of 400 students in grades 9-12 and a unique culture of trust, respect and responsibility. Students at nex+Gen are expected to demonstrate independence in learning, self-motivation and autonomy. Emphasizing project-based learning and located just north of Del Norte High School, nex+Gen offers unique academic opportunities provided by a collaborative working environment. Students are expected to build and demonstrate mastery of standards in core content through dynamic collaboration and technology integration. Technology is viewed as a professional tool to advance student work. For more information, please visit <http://nexgen.aps.edu/>.

Career Enrichment Center Alternative School

The Career Enrichment Center (CEC) is a magnet school that provides opportunities for advanced, in-depth learning. Students from all Albuquerque high schools can choose unique courses from a variety of career areas, including medicine, computers, engineering, health, languages, business, and career and technical education courses including vocational classes. CEC's Distinctive programs attract a wide variety of students from all geographic areas and socioeconomic groups in Albuquerque. The blending of strong academic, career, and technical classes enhances the education of all our students. Students can receive certification from the Nursing, EMT and Autos Programs upon successful completion of course requirements. Students can take classes both at their home high school and at the CEC and round-trip transportation is provided between the high school and the CEC. For more information, please visit www.cec.aps.edu.

Early College Academy

The Early College Academy (ECA) is a college-prep magnet high school and sister school to the Career Enrichment Center (CEC) that focuses on college preparation. Classes are offered to 200 students in a small school environment. ECA classes are scheduled in the morning so that students may take CEC, University of New Mexico (UNM) or Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) classes in the afternoon. UNM and CNM classes may apply toward an associate or university degree. ECA's small-school environment offers students an intimate and personalized college-readiness learning experience. They believe in an academic focus, paralleling a college-level curriculum, and they encourage their students to start their post-secondary work while still in high school. For more information, please visit www.cec.aps.edu.

Desert Willow Family School

Desert Willow is a K-8 program that combines public school classes with home-based instruction. This unique arrangement helps parents take an active role in the education of their children. Students develop their own knowledge by actively engaging in problem solving and community activities. Desert Willow is currently at capacity, but does maintain a wait list and is projected to build an additional school on the west side of town to meet the current demand. For more information, please visit <http://www.dwfs.org/>.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Middle Magnet Schools

Garfield MS and Hayes MS take a whole new approach to education. They combine Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) with minds-on/hands-on learning, real-world problem solving, team work and community involvement. And at Hayes MS, students do all this in both English and Spanish as it's a full dual-language middle school.

Elementary Magnet Schools

Magnet schools offer specialized programs. Magnet schools offer a unique curriculum and new experiences not available at other schools in the district. Magnet schools differ from other public schools in that they receive additional funding to enable them to spend more money on their students, supplies, teachers, programs, etc. These schools exist outside of zoned school boundaries, and usually have alternative or otherwise compelling modes of instruction. Magnet schools differ from charter schools because they remain part of the public school system and operate under the same public school administration. APS's elementary school programs are available at the following schools:

Career Awareness and Readiness- a MicroSociety school

Duranes ES

Dual Language- Language Immersion

Coronado ES

Longfellow ES

Fine Arts and Literacy

Eubank ES

Project- Based Learning, Technology and Communication

Zuni ES

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

San Antonito ES

Inez ES

For more information on APS's schools of choice, visit

<http://www.aps.edu/schools/schools-of-choice>.

Honors and Advanced Placement Programs

The Honors/Advanced Placement curriculum offers a challenging program for all students. Courses are based on the College Board course description guidelines. These classes provide students with an emphasis on critical thinking skills, college preparatory experiences, and opportunities to take Advanced Placement examinations and possibly earn college credits. Students who choose these courses will be taking the most academically demanding courses the district offers. Students should receive career guidance and course planning assistance so they do not take more Honors/AP courses than they can comfortably handle. The district supports open access to all Honors/Advanced Placement courses. There are no prerequisites for any of these courses, and students willing to take on the challenge of the Honors/Advanced Placement coursework should be nurtured and supported.

Weighted Grade Increment

To recognize student achievement, courses recognized by the College Board as Advanced Placement (AP) and courses designated as Honors by the district will be awarded a weighted grade increment. A student may take a comparable non-weighted course (as determined by standards alignment) to replace a grade received in a weighted course, but will not be awarded the weighted increment.

NOTE: *Only honors math classes are available to students prior to ninth grade.*

Out-of-District Students

Students transferring into an APS high school from a non-APS school will neither be penalized nor gain advantage in the APS application of weighted credit for the coursework listed on an official transcript from a state or regionally accredited high school. Weighted credit will be awarded for Advanced Placement (AP) courses that have been authorized by the College Board through the AP audit process and courses designated as Honors courses (have “Honors” in the course title) and are also designated as Honors courses as listed in the APS District High School Course Descriptions and Curricular Frameworks.

Weighted credit will not be awarded for courses not listed in the APS District High School Course Descriptions and Curricular Frameworks notebooks or course titled Pre-AP taken by students who are transferring into APS will not be given weighted credit.

Honors credit taken prior to full-time high school enrollment must appear on the transcript as high school credit. In awarding honors increments to transferring students, the APS Table of Weighted Credit for AP/Honors Courses will be used regardless of the weighting system used in the previous district.

Special Education

The Albuquerque Public School’s special education professionals work with general education staff to provide students with special learning needs appropriate services in the least restrictive environment. Approximately 13,500 students, 15% of the total student body, currently receive special education services. If you believe your child may have learning needs that require special education services, contact your child’s teacher or other school staff. To find out more about APS’s Special Education Department and for a variety of resources, visit www.aps.edu/aps/specialed/index.html.

Gifted Education

In the state of New Mexico, gifted education falls under the Special Education Department. Students are identified through a referral and evaluation process. Programs are developed for each student through the Individualized Education Program (I.E.P.). Gifted services are provided through a variety of classroom models.

Impact Aid

APS has created new registration cards to capture data necessary to receive full funding for Federal and DoD Impact Aid programs. Census cards will be distributed to families who indicate they live on federal land or the parents work on federal land to validate this information. Please return these forms to support our schools.

Schools Serving Kirtland AFB Housing

Sandia Base Elementary

21001 Wyoming SE
Kirtland AFB, NM 87116
Website: <http://sandibase.aps.edu/>
Grades: K-5
Mascots: Mustangs
Uniforms: not required

Phone: (505) 268-4356
Fax: (505) 260-2028

Colors: Blue & Yellow

Van Buren Middle School

700 Louisiana SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Website: <http://vanburen.aps.edu/>
Grades: 6-8
Mascots: Falcons
Uniforms: Mandatory

Phone: (505) 268-3833
Fax: (505) 260-6654

Colors: Black & Gold

Highland High School

4700 Coal Avenue SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Website: <http://highland.aps.edu/>
Grades: 9-12
Mascots: Hornets
Uniforms: Not required

Phone: (505) 265-3711
Fax: (505) 348-8503

Colors: Navy & Yellow

Important APS Telephone Numbers

Department	Phone Number
APS Superintendent	(505) 880-3713
Adaptive Physical Education	(505) 855-9954
Assistive Technology- Audiology, Visual Impairments	(505) 855-9953
Athletics	(505) 884-9580
Background and Fingerprinting	(505) 889-4862
Board of Education	(505) 880-3739
Center of Extended Learning for Student Advancement (Summer School)	(505) 855-9870
Charter & Magnet Schools	(505) 855-5263
Child Find	(505) 298-6752
Communications	(505) 881-8421
Curriculum & Assessment	(505) 872-6842
Early Childhood Office	(505) 880-8249 ext 182
Equal Opportunity Service	(505) 872-1252 ext. 351
Extended Learning in After School	(505) 855-5269
Extended School Year	(505) 855-9948
Fine Arts	(505) 880-8249 ext. 337
Food and Nutrition Services	(505) 345-5661
Health and Wellness	(505) 855-9800
Hearing Office (Disciplinary Hearings)	(505) 855-9980
Homebound/Hospitals/IAES/Surrogates (Special Education)	(505) 298-6752 ext. 0
Home School Office	(505) 855-9042
Human Resources	(505) 880-3700
Indian Education	(505) 884-6392
Instruction and Accountability	(505) 872-6870
Language and Cultural Equity	(505) 881-9429
Mental Health, Behavior Consultation & Autism Resource Team	(505) 880-8249
Professional Development	(505) 855-9885
Program Support Specialists	(505) 884-9580
Psychology Services	(505) 855-9826
Reading/Math/Learning Disabilities Unit	(505) 855-9971
Research, Deployment & Accountability (RDA)- Testing Services	(505) 872-6812
School Police	(505) 243-7712
School & Community Involvement	(505) 855-5276
Sensory Impairment- Deaf/Hard of Hearing	(505) 855-9910
Social Work Services	(505) 855-9800
Special Education	(505) 855-9900
Special Education Transition Services	(505) 855-9951
Student Information Systems (SIS)	(505) 872-6850
Student Transportation Services	(505) 880-3989
Student, School and Community Service Center	(505) 855-9040
Title 1 -Homeless Project, School Choice Mileage Reimbursement, Title I Even Start Family Literacy, Supplemental Education Services (SES)	(505) 880-8249
Training Resource Center	(505) 889-4894
Translation and Interpretation Services	(505) 881-9429 ext. 80070

**Albuquerque Public Schools
2015-2016 Calendar**

March 25-April 1	Vernal Holiday/Spring Break (schools closed)
May 9-14	High School Graduations
May 22	Last Day of Classes
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday (schools closed)
May 26- June 1	Weather Make-Up Days (if necessary)

2016-17 Calendar

August 5-10	Student Registration, Teacher Professional Development, Prep Days
August 11	First Day of School
September 5	Labor Day Holiday (schools closed)
October 6-7	Fall Break (schools closed)
November 8	Presidential Election Day (schools closed)
November 11	Veterans Day (schools closed)
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday (schools closed)
December 19	Winter Break Starts (schools closed)
January 3	Professional Development Day (no classes for students)
January 4	Classes begin for Spring Semester
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (schools closed)
February 20	Presidents Day Holiday (schools closed)
March 20-24	Spring Break (schools closed)
April 14	Vernal Holiday (schools closed)
May 15-20	High School Graduations
May 25	Last Day of Classes
May 26, 30-31	Weather Make-Up Days (if necessary)
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday (schools closed)

APS Charter Schools

There are a number of state-supported charter schools in the Albuquerque Public Schools district. These institutions, authorized under the NM Charter School Act of 1999, operate independently from APS with their own mission, goals, and focus. APS retains certain oversight accountabilities prescribed by law for these schools. APS currently authorized 33 Charter Schools with over 6,000 students enrolled. For more information you can contact the Charter and Magnet School Office at (505) 855-5263.

21st Century Public Academy, 6805 Academy Pkwy NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 254-0280, Grades: 5-8, website: www.21stcenturypa.org

It is the mission of 21st Century Public Academy to continually search for positive learning experiences that enrich students and staff. Whenever possible, these lessons will take place in the arena in which they are practiced.

ABQ Charter Academy, 405 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 242-6640, Grades: 9-12, website: www.abqcharteracademy.org

They provide a premiere high school dropout recovery program engaging students through relationship-focused, high-tech, and rigorous learning experiences resulting in Real Learning for Real Life™.

Albuquerque Talent Development Academy, 1800 Atrisco Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 503-2465, Grades: 9-12, website: www.atdscs.org

ATDSCS will engage students in grades 9-12 in a safe, talent-nurturing environment designed to facilitate individual growth academically and socially as they prepare themselves to graduate from high school. ATDSCS' goal is to see an increase in students meeting graduation requirements each year. Highly qualified teachers shall utilize individual goals from each student's Personal Education Plans (PEP), research based instructional methods, and assessment data to help students move successfully through their high school experience.

Alice King Community, 1905 Mountain Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 344-0746, Grades: K-6, 8 website: <http://akcs.org>

The mission of the Alice King Charter School (AKCS) is to provide an inclusive educational program for non-traditional learners. AKCS will provide a safe learning environment that incorporates each child's academic, developmental, and intelligence type into an individualized program. Through a strong partnership with parents and students, AKCS will tailor an academic plan around each child's strengths and include scaffolds for weaknesses. The classroom environment will emphasize cooperation, focus on the positive, and provide programs and schedules for optimal cognitive functioning. A myriad of learning approaches will be utilized including multiple intelligences, strategies, differentiated instruction,

thematic projects, project based/hands-on learning, and individual reflection. Each child's progress will be reviewed monthly to ensure the child is learning, meeting his/her goals, and is a positive contributor to the school community.

Bataan Military Academy, 8001 Mountain Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 292-5588, Grades: 9-12, website: www.bataanmilitaryacademy.org

Bataan Military Academy is a non-traditional, culturally diverse, high expectation school facilitating whole-student growth through structure, discipline, and leadership in the proud spirit of the United States Naval customs, traditions, and academic excellence.

Christine Duncan's Heritage Academy, 1900 Atrisco Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 839-4971, Grades: K-8, website: <http://www.christineduncan.org>

Christine Duncan Charter School will promote social and high academic achievement with differentiated instruction to strive to meet grade level proficiency in a dual language setting. They value environmental stewardship, active community participation, family centered learning and cultural diversity.

Corrales International School, 5500 Wilshire Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113, (505) 344-9733, Grades: K-10, website: <http://corralesis.org>

The mission of Corrales International School is to achieve, within the framework of the International Baccalaureate curriculum, excellence in bilingual education; to promote international understanding; and live and model its core values of respect, responsibility, connection with nature, and the joy of learning.

Digital Arts and Technology Academy, 1011 Lamberton Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 341-0888, Grades: 9-12, website: www.datacharter.org

The Digital Arts and Technology Academy will prepare students to become self-motivated, independent, and job-skill oriented. Students will be equipped with the necessary academic skills in reading, writing, and math to be successful in the trades and technology careers. They will experience a true relationship between academics and the world of work. Job shadowing, partnerships, and apprenticeships that are tied to community service will give these students the competitive edge in the job market. This school will allow the trades and business community with parental interaction to be a major stakeholder in the education process of today's students.

East Mountain High School, School Address- 25 La Madera Road, Sandia Park, NM; Mailing Address- P.O. Box 340, Sandia Park, NM 87047, (505) 281-7400, Grades: 9-12 website: www.eastmountainhigh.net

As a small regional school, East Mountain High School uses best practices to engage students in curricular programs, prepare students for college, and involve students in the community.

El Camino Real Charter, 3713 Isleta Blvd. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105, (505) 314-2212, Grades: K-12, website: www.elcaminorealacademy.com

As a community school, ECRA serves students and families by fostering student awareness of their personal learning potential through academic and social-emotional intervention.

Gordon Bernell Charter School, 401 Roma NW, 3rd Floor, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 468-7701, Grades: 9-12, website: www.gordonbernell.org

Gordon Bernell Charter School provides personalized educational programs year-round for adult (male and female) inmates at Bernalillo County's Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC), for recently released inmates in the Community Custody Program (CCP), and any other adult choosing to enroll in the downtown campus of the school seeking a high school diploma. Their mission is to provide the opportunity for these adult student inmates and other adults to graduate, earn credit toward graduation, and transition successfully to the community.

La Academia de Esperanza, 5200 Sequoia NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 764-5500, Grades: 6-12, website: www.orgsites.com/nm/lade and <http://ladecharter.weebly.com>

Opening the hearts and minds of children to possibilities while supporting their self-determination with a program of full-inclusion, La Academia de Esperanza focuses on education and developing the total individual. La Academia de Esperanza will provide quality and vocational learning for students from age 11 to 18 in preparation for their role as socially responsible individuals, within a community—based, ethnically and culturally-sensitive educational environment.

Los Puentes Charter School, 4012 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 342-5959, Grades: 7-12, website: <http://lospuentes.k12.nm.us>

Los Puentes Charter School provides personalized, structured, academic and extracurricular activities integrated with mental, emotional and behavioral health therapy, in a personalized and structured environment. Los Puentes will teach academic, social, and coping skills to youth at risk, based on educational and life goals, provide vocational and school-to-work opportunities, and instill within each student a renewed belief of their individual potential.

Montessori of the Rio Grande, 1650 Gabaldon Drive NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 842-5993, Grades: PreK-6, website: <http://mrgcharter.org>

Montessori of the Rio Grande will provide a peaceful, safe, and nurturing academic environment using Montessori principles to develop children who love to learn, contribute to their communities, and continually strive to achieve their full potential.

Mountain Mahogany Community School, 5014 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 341-1424, Grades: K-8, website: www.mountainmahogany.org

MMCS provides an innovative and unique educational program for the families and students it serves. Based in the values and philosophy that students can learn in a highly nurturing environment that fosters deep exploration of subjects, MMCD and the faculty provide a well-rounded education for their students. Utilizing a holistic approach to learning, students are presented academics that integrate all subjects (including art and music) while allowing students the opportunity to explore, cooperate, and discover.

Native American Community Academy, 1000 Indian School Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 266-0992, Grades: 6-12, website: www.nacaschool.org

Native American Community Academy (NACA) strives to engage students, educators, families, and community in creating a school that will prepare their students to grow from adolescence to adulthood and begin strengthening communities by developing strong leaders who are academically prepared, secure in their identity and healthy.

Nuestros Valores Charter School, 6800 Gonzales Rd. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 873-7758, Grades: 9-12, website: www.nvcharter.com

The mission of Nuestros Valores Charter School (NVCS) is to provide a quality, innovative, and relevant education for youth who have struggled to succeed in a traditional educational setting. Nuestros Valores students will become productive citizens and life-long learners through interdisciplinary and career-based curriculum in a school community of care and belonging.

Public Academy for Performing Arts, 3000 Adams NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 830-3128, Grades: 6-12, website: www.paparts.org

The Public Academy of Performing Arts is a public charter school that integrates a rigorous college preparatory curriculum with the performing arts and prepares students to pursue their passions and talents.

Robert F Kennedy High Charter School, 4300 Blake Road SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 243-1118, Grades: 9-12, website: www.rfkcharter.com

The mission of Robert F. Kennedy Charter High School is to operate a public school that provides safe, positive, supportive learning environment that considers each student's individual learning style and level of skill development. Students will participate in an educational program with high expectations, mutual respect, and community involvement that encourages and supports their mastery of the skills and knowledge required of high school graduates for the 21st century.

South Valley Academy, 3426 Blake SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105, (505) 452-3132, Grades: 6-12, website: www.southvalleyacademy.org

To prepare young people to become lifelong learners in a small school setting, based on high academic standards for all, individual appreciation for each student and teacher, a culture of trust, respect for the diverse traditions of New Mexico, and involvement of family and community.

Before and After School Care

Many organizations in Albuquerque offer before/after school programs. These programs provide a variety of activities, including:

-  Arts and crafts
-  Field trips
-  Recreation
-  Study time

Kirtland AFB's Before and After School program at the Youth Center services Sandia Base Elementary, Wherry Elementary and Kirtland Elementary School. For more information about this program, call the Youth Center at 853-KIDS (5437). Eligibility requirements and priority of authorized use follow Department of Defense and Air Force policies; contact the Youth Center for details.

For other programs and schools served, contact your child's school or visit APS's Before & After School program's information page at www.aps.edu/schools/before-and-after-school-programs . Fees vary according to the agency providing the service.

New Mexico PreK:

This program provides early childhood education to four-year-olds to help prepare them for kindergarten at a limited number of public elementary schools and private child development centers throughout Albuquerque. Children must be 4 years old on or before 31 August of school year they are attending and meet program eligibility criteria. For additional information and locations, contact APS Early Childhood Office at (505) 880-8249 (ext. 182) or visit their website at <http://www.aps.edu/schools/preschool-and-child-development>, City of Albuquerque Pre-Kindergarten administrative office at (505) 767-6500 or visit their website at <http://www.cabq.gov/family/childcare-development-programs/pre-k-centers> or the NM PreK Program Manager at (505) 827-6561, their website is <https://www.newmexicoprek.org/>.

Kirtland AFB Child Development Centers:

Kirtland offers two CDCs that provide an outstanding early childhood education experience in their full day program for children connected to Kirtland AFB and other Federal Offices. Eligibility requirements and priority of authorized use follow Department of Defense and Air Force policies; contact the CDCs for details. Gibson CDC is located on the main base area at Gibson and Texas, while Maxwell CDC is located on the west side of the base, off Maxwell Street. The Creative Curriculum is used in both centers and is the same curriculum offered in many of the state's PreK classes. Both centers are accredited by The National Association for the Education of Young Children and provide a super start for children to have success during the school years. For more information contact Gibson CDC at (505) 846-1103 or Maxwell CDC at (505) 853-5510.

Rio Rancho Public Schools (RRPS) General Information

Administrative Offices

500 Laser Rd.

Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124

Phone: (505)896-0667

Fax: (505) 896-0662

<http://www.rrps.net/>

Find your School

Rio Rancho Public Schools has a boundary map you can use to determine your child's school. The maps can be found at

<http://www.rrps.net/Administration/Transportation/transport.html?tab=b>.

Registration Information

If you are registering your child(ren) for the first time, you must bring with you when you register your child:

- Original birth certificate
- Court documents pertaining to guardianship, if applicable
- Copy of student's current Individualized Education Plan (IEP), if applicable
- Immunization records
- Students enrolling in kindergarten must be five years of age on or before August 31st.
- Social Security number (requested, but not required)
- Proof of residency (current utility bill, rent receipt or purchase agreement)
- Transcripts (high school)

RRPS Transfers to non-home school

Students who live within the attendance area for a school get first priority to attend that school. If a school **does not** fill up, additional students may transfer into that school. RRPS will approve transfers only if a school has space for new students.

Transfer request guidelines:

Transfer requests can be submitted by a parent. You will need to complete the required transfer request form; transfer information and the form can be found on the Rio Rancho Public Schools website- www.rrps.net. Go to the department page, then to the student services page and the link is listed there. You can also contact the Transfer Office at (505) 896-0667. The process for transfer requests for the next school year begins on May 1st. Students must be registered at their home school for new transfers.

Transfer Priorities

1. First priority transfers (also known as second priority students) are students enrolled in a school ranked as a school that needs improvement or a school subject to corrective action.

2. Second priority transfers (third priority students) are students who have attended RRPS during the previous year. The principal may use the following factors in determining priority within this group:
 - Children of RRPs employees
 - Siblings of students already attending RRPS
 - Child care for siblings of students attending RRPS
 - After school care for students
 - Extreme hardship
 - Student safety
3. Third priority transfers (fourth priority students) are all other student transfer requests

Waiting Lists

If a transfer request cannot be approved for any of the requested schools, each school will establish a **waiting list** for that school year. If space becomes available at a school, students on the waiting list will be offered enrollment based on the student's priority category and the order placed on the waiting list.

Approved Transfers

As soon as you receive a transfer approval, please contact your new school to find out when the student can complete the registration process.

Delayed Openings, Cancellation & Early Dismissal

New Mexico schools' delayed openings are called 2-hour delays. School starts two hours after the normal start time and is released at the normal time (on Wednesday, elementary school will release at the regular non-early release time). Early dismissal is when schools are released prior to the regular end of day time. Delayed opening decisions will be made and announced before 0600 and aired on all local news channels and the RRPS website. School Cancellations announcements will be made by 0900.

AVID- Advancement via Individual Determination

AVID is a world-wide program currently in place in Rio Rancho Public Schools. This program provides support to students who qualify to succeed in college prep classes in preparation for entrance into accredited 4 year colleges.

Graduation Requirements

Rio Rancho offers two diploma options to students, a standard diploma and a Diploma of Distinction. The Diploma of Distinctions requires at least 2 Advanced Placement credits and a 3.0 GPA. It is a NM state requirement that students must pass one unit of Advance Placement, Honors, dual credit or distance education for graduation.

The basic requirements are as follows:

Course Requirements:	Standard	Distinction
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science*	4	4
New Mexico History	0.5	0.5
Government	0.5	0.5
US History	1	1
World History	1	1
Economics	0.5	0.5
Geography	0.5	0.5
Physical Education	1	1
Health (starts with class of 2017)	0.5	0.5
World Languages (WL)/Career Cluster/Workplace Readiness	1	2 WL in same WL
Technology Elective	0.5	0.5
Fine Arts Elective	0.5	0.5
Electives (7 credits w/o health credit)	6.5	7.5
Total	26	28

*Must include Earth & Space/Conceptual Physics and two of the following: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics; and one additional science elective

Alternative Method of Earning High School Credits

There are several non-traditional options to earning credits in High School.

Distance Learning/ Online Courses/ Credit Recovery/ Correspondence Courses

Students must request prior approval from their counselor for distance learning course credit and complete an “Off Campus Course Agreement” form signed by the student, parent and counselor before enrolling in any off-campus course if the student expects the course to qualify for credit toward graduation. Rio Rancho Public Schools (RRPS) requires that the final exam be supervised by certified school personnel and be earned from an accredited school. The school reserves the right to evaluate a course before credit is given. Students may not take a correspondence or online course for Physical Education or a lab science (Biology, Chemistry or Physics). Online courses are available at Secondary Learning Center (SLC), at the Rio Rancho Cyber Academy. Credit Recovery Courses will be held off-site at the Secondary Learning Center. Transportation and all fees are the responsibility of the student/parent to attend the courses. The high school must receive an official transcript for the course to meet graduation credit requirements.

Dual Credit

Dual credit allows high school students to enroll in college courses offered by public postsecondary educational institutions. RRPS partners with CNM,

University of New Mexico (UNM) Los Alamos, and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) to provide students the opportunity to earn college credit as well as elective credit towards graduation. Courses must be academic or career technical courses and must be agreed upon by the RRPS and the post-secondary institution in order to count toward a graduation requirement. These courses are offered either on or off campus. The tuition fee as well as the cost of textbooks is waived. Students must pay for course specific fees and for arranging transportation to the site of the dual credit course. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be assigned appropriate credit and the student may request a transcript to receive HS elective credit. For more information on CNM's High School Programs, visit their webpage at www.cnm.edu/highschoolprograms/index.php.

State statute specifically indicates that credit will be assigned as follows:

3 - 4 credit hour post-secondary course = 1 RRPS elective credit

1 - 2 credit hour post-secondary course = 0.5 RRPS elective credit

High School Schedule

Rio Rancho Public Schools follows a traditional schedule in which all class periods meet for the same amount of time each day of the week, with an early release time on Wednesday. RRPS high schools start at 7:20 am and end at 2:29 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The release time on Wednesday is 1:40 pm.

Rio Rancho Schools of Choice

Cyber Academy

Rio Rancho Cyber Academy (RRCA) is a full-time, fully accredited high school and effective middle school environment. RRCA's curriculum is accepted by the NM PED. RRCA continues to be pro-active and collaborative to solve problems and be innovative in their planning and decision making. RRCA has been established as a credible learning environment with a rigorous curriculum that matches or exceeds that of the top comprehensive high schools in the district. RRCA has become a model Hybrid Distance Learning School known throughout the country. For more information, please visit <http://cyberacademy.rrps.net/>.

Family School

Family School is an alternative general education program for students in grades 1-5. The Rio Rancho Family School Program provides a half day of 'in school' education while parents provide the half day of 'at home' education. Math, Social Studies, Science, Reading and Language curriculum are provided to the parents by the school in order to meet the Rio Rancho Public Schools and the Common Core State Standards. For more information, please visit http://1admin-yr-period-2-i.enchanted.rrps.net/modules/groups/integrated_home.phtml?&gid=2311897&sessionid=a89e7c3d4f87c331c62ea921b21cf684&t.

Honors and Advanced Placement Programs

The Honors/Advanced Placement curriculum offers a challenging program for all students. Courses are based on the College Board course description guidelines. These classes provide students with an emphasis on critical thinking skills, college preparatory experiences, and opportunities to take Advanced Placement examinations and possibly earn college credits. Students who choose these courses will be taking the most academically demanding courses the district offers. Students should receive career guidance and course planning assistance so they do not take more Honors/AP courses than they can comfortably handle.

Weighted Grade Increment: To recognize student achievement, courses recognized by the College Board as Advanced Placement (AP) and courses designated as Honors by the district will be awarded a weighted grade increment.

Special Education

The Rio Rancho Schools Special Services Department is responsible for all Special Education and federal programs in the district. They provide a wide range of services in a variety of settings. They have employed some of the most qualified professional in all service areas and enjoy seeing successful programs run at every school. Approximately 2,022 students, 12% of the total student body, currently receive special education services.

They provide services for children from 3 to 22 years of age, and address students' learning styles from a multi-modality approach. This means that services are integrated with emphasis on cooperative planning and intervention, coordination with curriculum, and collaboration with the parents. If you believe your child may have learning needs that require special education services, contact your child's teacher or other school staff. To find out more about RRPS's Special Services Department and for a variety of resources, visit

<http://www.rrps.net/Achievement/Instruction/SpecialServices/sshome.html>.

S.A.F.E. (Students Achieving for Excellence) Before and After School Program:

The Rio Rancho School District is fortunate to offer your child(ren) the Student's Achieving For Excellence (S.A.F.E.) Before and After School Program. Currently the program is offered at all ten elementary schools.

These programs include homework help, sports activities, special events, life skills, and guest speakers. Free snacks are provided daily.

For more information, please visit the S.A.F.E. program website at

<http://www.rrps.net/Administration/Student%20Services/safeBASP.htm>, visit the program at your child's school site or call the main office at (505) 896-0667 ext. 237.

Program Hours:

Early Bird - 6:45 a.m. to start of school day

Before School - 7:00 a.m. to start of school day

After School Program - After school release to 6:00 p.m. (Wednesdays included)

Los Lunas Public Schools (LLPS) General Information

Administrative Offices

Los Lunas School District

Ñ 343 Main Street SE

P.O. Drawer 1300

Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031

Phone: (505) 865-9636

Fax: (505) 865-7766

<http://www.loslunasnm.gov/index.aspx?NID=153>

Registration Information

Students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. At the time of entry, the following documents may be required- call the school for specific requirements:

- an original birth certificate
- immunization records
- social security number
- proof of residency in appropriate attendance zone (utility bill, rent receipt, purchase agreement)
- contact information for your child's previous school
- for high school students, an unofficial copy of transcript should be provided. The registrar will send for the official copy, but an unofficial copy is crucial for course placement.
- students who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) should also provide a copy of this document to ensure appropriate course placement in the Least Restrictive Environment.

Delayed Openings, Cancellation & Early Dismissal

New Mexico schools' delayed openings are called 2-hour delays. School starts two hours after the normal start time and is released at the normal time. Early dismissal is when schools are released prior to the regular end of day time. School cancellations and delayed opening decisions will be made and announced aired on local news channels.

AVID- Advancement via Individual Determination

The AVID program is designed to increase school wide learning and performance for students in middle and high school. Its purpose is to restructure the teaching methods of an entire school and to open access to the curricula that will ensure four-year college eligibility for the majority of students. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be able to apply to participate in the class. Students will be notified of their acceptance prior to final registration. Sophomores in the AVID course will be involved in at least one Pre-AP course. Juniors will be enrolled in at least one AP course.

Graduation Requirements

It is a NM state requirement that students must take one unit of Advance Placement, Honors, dual credit or distance learning as one of the credits required for graduation.

The LLPS requirements are as follows:

Course Requirements:	Class of 2017 or later	Class of 2015-2016
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science	3 (2 w/lab)	3 (2 w/lab)
New Mexico History	0.5	0.5
Government	0.5	0.5
US History	1	1
World History	1	1
Economics	0.5	0.5
Physical Education	1	1
Health	0.5	0.5
Practical Arts *	1*	1**
Electives	7.5	7
Total	24.5	24

* Courses in career cluster course, work place readiness, or a language other than English will satisfy the practical arts requirement.

Alternative Method of Earning High School Credits

There are three non-tradition options to earning credits in Los Lunas High Schools.

Dual Credit

Dual credit is a program that allows high school students to enroll in college-level courses offered by a post-secondary institution that may be academic or career-technical but not remedial or developmental. Dual enrollment allows students to simultaneously earn credit toward high school graduation and a post-secondary degree or certificate (Statewide Dual Credit Master Agreement). Students receive one high school credit for each 3-5 college credit class completed. Some courses require placement exams.

Distance Learning

Los Lunas Schools offers distance learning courses through Edgenuity, UNM-Valencia Campus and CNM. Distance learning allows students to earn high school credit which satisfies the graduation requirement requiring students to graduate with an Advance Placement, Dual Credit, Distance Learning, or Concurrent Enrollment course.

Los Lunas Schools of Choice

Los Lunas Family School

The Los Lunas Family School is an alternative public education program that is available for grades one through eight. They work to create an atmosphere of learning that meets the needs of each homeschooling student. Every student is a unique person deserving of the best personalized education possible. There is not one philosophy or right way of homeschooling. Each family's philosophy is designed to the individual student's growing progress that is redefined as parents, and children, learn, explore and discover new ideas. Homeschooling takes on many forms as there are all types of families and learning opportunities. For more information, please visit

<http://loslunas.nm.schoolwebpages.com/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=23573&>.

Honors and Advanced Placement Programs

The Advanced Placement Program (AP) is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. Since its inception in 1955, the program has provided motivated high school students with the opportunity to take college level courses in a high school setting. Students who participate in the program not only gain college-level skills, but in many cases also earn college credit while they are still in high school which in turn saves on tuition costs. AP teachers follow course guidelines developed and published by the College Board. To enroll in an AP course, students and parents are required to sign an agreement accepting the work load of the rigorous curriculum. All students are **required** to meet with the site AP Coordinator. Students will receive the required AP course reading lists at this time.

Weighted Grade Increment: To recognize student achievement, courses recognized by the College Board as Advanced Placement (AP) will be awarded a weighted grade increment (A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0). AP grades are the only weighted grades on a student's transcript.

Special Education

The Los Lunas Schools offer a full range of school placement options to serve all district students with disabilities ages three to 21. The district's philosophy is to provide an individualized program for each student in the least restrictive environment. Every school in the district has at least one special education teacher. Programs cover the full continuum of option including support in the regular classroom, resource rooms and self-contained classes for students who need more support

Access to all special education programs is through a formal team assessment process initiated at the student's home school. Once the student is determined eligible as a special education student, the assessment team develops individual goals and makes a placement recommendation. The student's disabling condition does not dictate program placement. Each student's placement is based on the student's individual needs.

Moriarty-Edgewood Municipal Schools (MEMS) General Information

Administrative Offices

Moriarty-Edgewood School District

200 Center Street

Moriarty, New Mexico 87035

Phone: (505) 832-4471

Fax: (505)832-4472

<http://www.moriarty.k12.nm.us/>

Find a School

The Moriarty-Edgewood School District has information on school boundaries on their parent's webpage: <http://www.moriarty.k12.nm.us/parents-mainmenu-64>. If your address is close to a boundary line, please call the school for confirmation.

Graduation Requirements

It is a NM state requirement that must take one unit of Advance Placement, Honors, dual credit or distance learning and one unit in one of the following: career cluster course, work place readiness, or a language other than English in order to meet state graduation requirements.

The basic requirements are as follows:

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
New Mexico History	0.5
Government	0.5
US History & Geography	1
World History & Geography	1
Economics	0.5
Physical Education (w/unit in Health)	1
Communications Skills	--
Career Cluster/Workforce Readiness*	1
Practical Arts/Fine Arts	1
Electives	9.5
Total	27

* Can be a language other than English

Alternative Method of Earning High School Credits

There are two non-tradition options to earning credits in High School.

Correspondence Courses

Students may apply through the MHS Guidance Office to take correspondence courses. A maximum of two credits may be included on a transcript to meet graduation requirements. The student must obtain approval from their assigned Guidance Counselor for all correspondence courses before enrollment. *All correspondence courses **must be started** before Dec. 1st and **completed by** April 15th. Students must earn a minimum of 60% to pass.*

Dual Credit/ Concurrent Enrollment

For qualified students, MHS accepts courses taken at a college, university, or vocational school for credit while simultaneously enrolled in high school. While students earn high school credit, they also earn college credit. Dual Credit allows students to accelerate their learning and supplement some elective courses offered at MHS. Students must meet with their assigned Guidance Counselor before enrolling in any supplemental program. The MHS Guidance Department must receive a transcript and the number of institutional hours completed in order to document the assigned credit. The articulation agreement between the college and high school will typically only allow the credits taken at the college to transfer to the high school as elective credits.

Moriarty High School has partnered with Mesalands Community College, the University of New Mexico (UNM) and Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) to offer dual credit opportunities. Dual credit classes, also known as concurrent enrollment, will be offered during the school year with some during the regular schooldays and on the Moriarty High School campus. The classes that are offered will be on the matrix of transferable courses and will transfer to New Mexico colleges and universities. Out of state colleges may or may not accept these credits. Classes taken through this program will count as the class that the student is in at high school and concurrently a college transcript will be developed, i.e. Enriched Senior English will earn .5 credits for high school and can earn 3 college credits in ENG 102 for the semester. Registration, tuition, and costs for books will be the responsibility of the student and parent.

Moriarty-Edgewood Municipal Schools School of Choice

Virtual Academy of Learning

The MESD Virtual Academy of Learning (VAL) allows students to customize their high school experience and meet the demands of the most rigorous state and national standards, including the Common Core. Students will be challenged to reason and communicate at the highest levels. The primary mode of instruction is a highly qualified on-screen instructor who activates prior knowledge, explains, models, and checks for understanding. Students complete a range of assignments to maximize engagement and involvement. VAL uses the online curriculum provided by Education 2020 (E2020) as well as “Direct Instruction.” Students work in a classroom setting in which they receive direct instruction to support the on-line curriculum. The majority of work will be done from home or any computer with Internet access. For more information, please visit <https://sites.google.com/a/mesd.us/moriarty-high-school-home/virtual-academy-of-learn---val>.

Honors and Advanced Placement Programs

The College Board’s Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. Advanced Placement Exams are given in May for a fee determined by the College Board. Currently, Moriarty High School offers six courses: AP English Literature and Composition (British Literature emphasis), AP English Language and Composition (American Literature emphasis), AP Spanish Language and Composition, AP U.S. Government and Politics, AP Calculus, and AP Physics. However, Moriarty High School is trying to build the program; therefore, included in the Moriarty High School Registration guide are course descriptions for AP Spanish Literature, AP French Language, AP Psychology, AP Biology, and AP Chemistry. Please be advised that although AP courses are described in the Moriarty High School Registration guide, final course creation is determined by the MHS Administration and the College Board and can change from year to year. Only those students who are willing to spend the extra time and effort to successfully complete the course should enroll. Students must first have teacher approval, AP Coordinator approval, or guidance counselor approval to enroll in any AP course. All AP courses are graded on a 5 pt. scale.

Weighted Grade Increment: To recognize student achievement, courses recognized by the College Board as Advanced Placement (AP) and courses designated as Honors by the district will be awarded a weighted grade increment.

Delayed Openings, Cancellation & Early Dismissal

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State Charter Schools

A charter school is a public school developed by one or more parents, teachers or community members authorized by the local school board or the Public Education Commission to provide an alternative educational setting to parents and students in the public school system. Charter schools provide an opportunity to create new, innovative and more flexible ways of educating children. The Charter Schools Division of the NM Public Education Department is responsible for the implementation of the provisions of state and federal laws, rules and regulations pertaining to charter schools.

Albuquerque

Academy of Trades and Technology, 2551 Karsten Court SE Suite C, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 765-5517, Grades: 9-12 website: www.atths.com

Academy of Trades and Technology combines career technological education and academic courses using project based learning to reach “at-risk” students, while developing their vocational, academic, social, personal needs and skills required to attain quality employment.

ACE Leadership High School, 1240 Bellamah Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 242-4733, Grades: 9-12 website: www.aceleadership.org

The mission of ACE Leadership High School is to equip young people who love to design and build things to become leaders in the construction profession. They serve young people who have limited means to have successful careers by caring for their intellectual, physical and emotional well-being as students.

Albuquerque Institute of Math & Science (AIMS@UNM), 933 Bradbury SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 559-4249, Grades: 6-12 website: www.aims-unm.org

Albuquerque Institute for Mathematics and Science @UNM (AIMS@UNM) is committed to preparing its students, grades six thru twelve, for college, community, and beyond through a rigorous focus on math and science and an emphasis on global participation.

Albuquerque School of Excellence, 13201 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112, (505) 312-7711, Grades: 1-12 website: www.abqse.org

The mission of Albuquerque School of Excellence (ASE) is to provide a safe and collaborative environment which will cultivate the academic and social development for all students regardless of their socio-economic status by emphasizing math, science, and technology for the purpose of setting and meeting higher education goals.

Albuquerque Sign Language Academy, 620 Lomas Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 247-1701, Grades: K-8, website: www.aslacademy.com/

The mission of the Albuquerque Sign Language Academy is to improve educational outcomes for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students in the greater Albuquerque area by providing a rigorous standards-based bilingual educational program which utilizes American Sign Language and English to achieve academic excellence, support family involvement, and promote multi-cultural community partnerships.

Amy Biehl Charter High School, 123 4th Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 299-9409, Grades: 9-12 website: www.amybiehlhighschool.org

Amy Biehl High School was founded in the spirit of Amy Biehl, a young person dedicated to social justice. Using a thematic approach across subject areas, they teach students to apply and demonstrate skills and knowledge to analyze and address community needs. Through service, students are challenged to play meaningful roles in their communities while developing habits to prepare for post-secondary education and life.

Cesar Chavez Community School, 1325 Palomas SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, (505) 877-0558, Grades: 9-12 website: www.cesarchavezcharter.net

Cesar Chavez Community School (CCCS) provides flexible and personalized programs for anyone seeking a high school diploma and who would benefit from services and educational programs offered during non-traditional hours.

Cien Aguas International School, 2000 Randolph SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 255-0001, Grades: K-8 website: www.cienaguas.org (Spanish)- follow link for English website.

Cien Aguas International School is a K-8 school with a focus on dual language instruction, inquiry and environmental sustainability. Cien Aguas seeks to develop students who can ask and investigate important questions about the world around them, are committed to a sustainable society and are working toward cross-cultural competence, bilingualism and bi-literacy in Spanish and English.

Coral Community School, 4261 Balloon Park Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 292-6725, Grades: K-6 website: www.coralcharter.com

Coral Community Charter School is dedicated to providing single-gender classes, quality instruction, individualization, and family/community involvement to ensure students' proficiency in Kindergarten-sixth grade.

Cottonwood Classical Preparatory, 7801 Jefferson St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 998-1021, Grades: 6-12 website: www.cottonwoodclassical.org

The mission of Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School (CCPS) is to develop highly skilled, socially responsible learning activists who can analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information and take responsibility for their own learning. Cottonwood Classical promotes intercultural understanding in an all-inclusive learning environment and their graduates will be prepared to enter and thrive at any of the world's accredited colleges and universities becoming driving forces in their local, regional, national, and global communities. Students will be well-versed in communicating through reading, speaking, writing, and listening with diverse audiences and will be able to transfer skills and knowledge into a post-secondary setting and the global marketplace.

Explore Academy, 3831 Midway Place NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87103, (505) 468-1092, Grades: 9-12 website: <http://exploreacademy.org/>

The innovation of the Explore Academy model is built on the principles of strong core education and college readiness through the philosophy of academic choice. The school's innovation is based on the premise that individuals best succeed when they are internally motivated through the power of personal choice, and that by offering a customized educational system where they can create their own curricular pathways, all students will show greater levels of success.

Gilbert L. Sena Charter High School, 69 Hotel Circle NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123, (505) 237-2374, Grades: 9-12 website: www.senahigh.com

Gilbert L. Sena Charter High School's mission is to engage students and their families in an innovative and supportive environment directed at gaining academic and social skills necessary for personal, social, and career success. Gilbert L. Sena promotes, honors and celebrates student success.

Health Leadership High School, 1900 Randolph Road SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 750-4547, Grades: 9-11 website: <http://healthleadershiphighschool.org>

The mission of the Health Leadership High School (HLHS) is to create a group of aspiring professionals who will become leaders in creating a healthier community. The ultimate goal is to create a school that serves as a platform that connects employers to disenfranchised communities.

Horizon Academy West, 3021 Todos Santos NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 998-0459, Grades: K-6 website: www.hawest.net

Horizon Academy West has a commitment to educational excellence, and their staff is dedicated to providing a rigorous, creative, well-rounded education for all

students. Their school is committed to helping each student master his or her subjects, and learn to think- critically and creatively.

La Promesa Early Learning Center, 7500 La Morada NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 836-7706, Grades: K-8, website: www.lpelc.com

La Promesa Early Learning Center ensures that culturally and linguistically diverse students thrive in an academic, family centered, developmentally seamless continuum of learning, where high expectations, respect and empowerment meet grade level proficiency.

La Resolana Leadership Academy, 1718 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 243-8114, Grades: 6-8, website: <http://laresolanaleadership.com>

The mission of La Resolana Leadership Academy is to equip students with the learning tools necessary to help them become successful throughout their lives in both personal and professional pursuits.

Media Arts Collaborative Charter School, 4401 Central Ave NW Bldg. #2, Albuquerque, NM 87108, (505) 243-1957, Grades: 6-12 website: www.nmmmediaarts.org

The Media Arts Collaborative Charter School (MACCS) offers secondary students a comprehensive, project-based, cross-curricular education centered in the media arts. They prepare their graduates for positions in the media industries and for the rigor of post-secondary education.

Mission Achievement and Success, 1718 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 242-3118, Grades: 6-8 website: <http://missionachievementandsuccess.com>

The mission of Mission Achievement and Success (MAS) is to prepare students to be successful in college and the competitive world by providing a rigorous college preparatory program in a safe and effective learning environment. Their primary objective is to instill in their students a commitment to high academic achievement, continual goal setting, and principles of personal success.

New America School- New Mexico, 1734 Isleta Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105, (505) 222-4360, Grades: 9-12 website: www.newamericaschoolnm.org

The mission of the New America School-NM is to empower new immigrants, English language learners and academically underserved students with the educational tools and support they need to maximize their potential, succeed and live the American dream.

New Mexico International School, 8650 Alameda Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122, (505) 503-7670, Grades: K-5 website: www.nmis.org

New Mexico International School (NMIS) provides K-5 students an educational program focused on inquiry-based teaching and learning, the acquisition of languages, and the development of social, emotional, and rigorous academic skills necessary to function in our local, national, and international community. Students at NMIS learn respect for themselves; their community; and the larger diverse world in which they live while developing a moral consciousness that help them build integrity into their lives.

North Valley Academy, 7939 4th Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM, 87114, (505) 998-0501, Grades: K-8 website: www.nvanm.org

North Valley Academy Charter School is committed to provide students with a rich and well-balanced education, through a rigorous focus on Mathematics, Language Arts, and an emphasis on health and wellness.

Sage Montessori Charter School, 3821 Singer Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 344-7447, Grades: K-8, website: www.sagecharterschoolabq.org

In partnership with parents, The Sage Montessori Charter School (SMCS) will provide K-8 students the broad educational opportunity afforded by a model Montessori program coupled with exciting and enriching artistic experiences in art and music, enabling each student to develop values and abilities essential to successfully meet their educational goals and lifelong fulfillment as productive citizens and members of a global community.

SAHQ (Student Athlete Headquarters) Academy, 1404 Lead SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 600-1326, Grades 7-10, website: www.sahqacademy.org

SAHQ Academy is a team based, blended school that combines face to face and digital instruction with experiential and project based learning, infused with high dosage tutoring.

South Valley Preparatory School, 2813 Gun Club Rd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105, (505) 222-5642, Grades: 6-8 website: www.southvalleyprep.org

The mission of South Valley Preparatory School is to provide a small, safe learning community so that students in the South Valley can engage in a rigorous and relevant academic curriculum. They believe it is here, within a unique family framework; where individual student's strengths can be cultivated while expanding academic horizons and fostering active citizenship.

Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy (SAMS), 4100 Aerospace Parkway NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121 (505) 338-8601, Grades: 7-12, website: www.samsacademy.com

The mission of the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics & Science Academy is to prepare students in grades 7-12, through an integrative STEM educational model with an aeronautics focus, to become self-motivated, independent, competent, lifelong learners in a unique 21st century global educational environment. Students will be equipped with the reading, writing, mathematical, scientific, and technological and problem-solving skills necessary for success in post-secondary education and high-tech, and aviation related careers.

Southwest Intermediate Learning Center, 10301 Candelaria NE, Albuquerque, 87112, (505) 296-7677, Grades: 7-8, website: www.sslc-nm.com

The mission of the Southwest Intermediate Learning Center is to utilize blended learning, traditional and community-based instruction in an accelerated academic curriculum to sustain a high-performing learning community.

Southwest Primary Learning Center, 10301 Candelaria NE, Albuquerque, 87112, (505) 296-7677, Grades: 4-6, website: www.sslc-nm.com

The mission of the Southwest Primary Learning Center is to sustain a high-performing learning community.

Southwest Secondary Learning Center, 10301 Candelaria NE, Albuquerque, 87112, (505) 296-7677, Grades: 7-12, website: www.sslc-nm.com

The mission of the Southwest Secondary Learning Center is to sustain a high performing learning community by preparing computer-literate students for college or a career through a blended learning model that is individualized, self-directed and flexible.

Technology Leadership High School, 10500 Research Road SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123, (505) 338-2266, Grades: 9-10, website: <http://leadershiphsn.org/tech/>

The mission of Technology Leadership High School (TLHS) is to prepare students for careers in the technology sector by collaboration with local and national technology employers. They focus on youth from the International District who are academically underserved, through an emphasis on social, emotional and intellectual growth.

The GREAT Academy, 6001-A San Mateo Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 792-0306, Grades: 9-12 , website: www.thegreatacademy.org

The GREAT Academy mission is to ensure that all students gain real-world experience through Active Transition.

The International School at Mesa del Sol, 2660 Eastman Crossing SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 508-3295, Grades: K-9 website: www.tisnm.org

The mission of the International School at Mesa del Sol (TIS) is to provide a meaningful, globally-connected and comprehensive educational program to all students, to develop knowledgeable, reflective, critical and compassionate life-long learners who understand, appreciate and respect the common bonds of humanity in a culturally-diverse world.

The Montessori Elementary School, 1730 Montano Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 796-0149, Grades: K-8 website: www.tmesnm.com

The Montessori Elementary School believes that learning is best achieved within a positive social atmosphere that supports each individual's unique development. TMES offers an accelerated program by providing a strong Montessori academic curriculum combined with a unique fine arts program including Suzuki Method, Orff Music, and Visual Arts. The mission of TMES is to encourage students grades K-8 to become responsible citizens who have the ability and desire to fulfill lifelong educational and social goals.

Tierra Adentro, 1511 Central Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 967-4720, Grades: 6-12, website: www.tierraadentronm.org

The mission of Tierra Adentro: The New Mexico School of Academics, Art and Artesania (TANM) is to create an inclusive and thriving learning environment comprised of a demographically and culturally diverse student population with a focus on academics, art, artesania (artisanship), and the study of the cultures that comprise our rich New Mexican heritage to ensure awareness, preservation, and progression of our cultural legacy.

William W. & Josephine Dorn Charter Community School, 1119 Edith Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 243-1434, Grades K-5, website: <http://dorncharterschool.org>

William W. & Josephine Dorn Charter community School strives to provide collaborative leadership within a community school that will engage learners; excite them about the wonders of education; teach them about the importance of our natural and built environments (Martha's Garden); and educate them of the importance of civic engagement thus opening doors for our children, families and neighborhoods.

Los Lunas

School of Dreams Academy, 1800 Main St Suite 250, Los Lunas, NM 87031, (505) 866-7632, Grades: 7-12 website: www.sodacharter.org

The mission of School of Dreams Academy is to prepared students of Valencia County to become competent, self-sustaining individuals with a passion for learning and life. Students will be afforded the opportunity to excel in the core subject areas through a rigorous curriculum with emphasis on the arts, technology, character education and service learning in order that they have the skills necessary for success in post-secondary education and career choices. Students will come to school each day knowing that they are cared for and that the school supports them and their families in the pursuit of their goals.

Moriarty

Estancia Valley Classical Academy, School Address- 132 Impala Court, Moriarty, NM; Mailing Address- EVCA, Box 2340, Moriarty, NM 87035, (505) 832-2223, Grades: K-11, website: <http://estanciavalleyclassical.com/>

To preserve our Nation's founding principles, Estancia Valley Classical Academy seeks to furnish willing students a rigorous education in the humanities, the sciences, and the arts with such instruction in the virtues as will best develop the mind and character of its pupils.

Rio Rancho

Sandoval Academy of Bilingual Education (SABE), 483 Arkansas St SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) , Grades: K-3, website: www.nmsage.org

Sandoval Academy of Bilingual Education (SABE) enables students to maintain their native language, reconnect with their heritage language, or discover a new enriching language. Students will attain Spanish and English fluency and literacy through two-way immersion, which will expand their worldview and educational and career opportunities.

The ASK Academy, 4311 Sara Road SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 891-0757, Grades: 6-12, website: www.theaskacademy.org

The ASK academy will emphasize Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematic (STEM) curricula to create a new learning culture through: project based learning experiences, 21st century technology, research programs, building relationships, and a strong partnership program to engage students in the learning process and develop opportunities to become life-long learners. The ASK Academy will improve the retention of core New Mexico State standards in learners by providing multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate skills and knowledge through research, STEM projects, product production and/or services.

Virtual/Online Schools Charter (Tuition Free)

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, physical site contact information- 4001 Office Ct 201-204, Santa Fe, NM 87507, (505) 428-2131, charter is granted by the state.
Grades K-3 are available from the company's private school

The mission of New Mexico Connections Academy (NMCA) is to help each 4-12th 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).

New Mexico Virtual Academy, open to all middle/high school students who reside in New Mexico, websites: <http://nmva.k12start.com/get-started/> or <http://www.k12.com/nmva>, Grades: 6-12, physical site contact information- 845 N Sullivan, Farmington, NM 87401, (505) 436-2383, charter is granted locally by Farmington Public Schools.

It is the mission of New Mexico Virtual Academy (NMVA) to use technology to provide an innovative public charter school education option meeting the individual needs of sixth through twelfth grade students. NMVA will be accountable for developing each student's full potential by utilizing research-based technology applications, meaningful teacher/student/parent involvement, and engaging individualized learning. NMVA will be a blended model: distance learning combined with traditional face-to-face classroom instruction according to each student's academic and social needs. New Mexico Virtual Academy will develop and enrich all of its students by fostering their desire to be lifelong learners to reach their full potential in life.

Home Schooling

Parents have a number of choices if they are interested in homeschooling. All parents must follow certain state guidelines and must notify the state of the establishment of a home school via the home school website (electronically), or send written notification to the Secretary of Education at 300 Don Gaspar Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786 (Attention: Home School Bureau) within thirty (30) days of establishment of a Home School and re-notify on or before April 1st of each year thereafter. The Public Education Department of New Mexico's Home Schools bureau disseminates information and provides technical assistance to parents, community members, schools, and district personnel on home schools. Home schools are operated by a parent or legal guardian of a school-age person who instructs a home study program, including but not limited to reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. These students are not considered public school students and do not receive credits for the courses, unless the home study program is through an accredited correspondence school. For further information, visit the NMPED Home School webpage at <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/HomeSchools/> or call the NMPED Home Schools Office at (505) 827-6909. Resources provided by the New Mexico Public Education Department can be found on the webpage.

For more information on accredited correspondence schools contact the Kirtland AFB School Liaison Officer at (505) 846-6477 or 377MSG.CCL@kirtland.af.mil.

APS Home School Support

The APS Home School Office has resources for parents and students in home school programs. They can also provide you with a list of contacts for teaching materials and connect you with support groups.

The Desert Willow Family School is an alternative K-8 program offered through the Albuquerque Public Schools. Students enrolled here participate in a program that combines a half-day of classroom instruction with a half-day of home-based instruction. This helps parents and students take active roles in their educational process and also provide support for students transitioning into public schools.

Kirtland Air Force Base Homeschoolers

Contact: Chelsea Poll, phone: (702) 481-5078

Michelle Johns, phone (334) 580-7649, Email michellejohns@msn.com

Facebook: "KAFB Homeschoolers"

This group's mission is to connect with other homeschoolers for the social support of moms and kids alike! The group consists of kids from Preschool through High School. All are welcome. The group meets every week for Fun Friday's and have an active schedule made up of park days, field trips, mother's night out, seasonal parties and family gatherings.

Additional Home Schooling Support Groups

ABQ Homeschool Park Group

Organizer: Kayla Snell

<http://www.meetup.com/Albuquerque-Homeschool-Park-Day/>

ABQ Homeschool Park Group exists to provide an authentic and welcoming community for its homeschooled children and their parents. They are first and foremost a social group. Their primary and unifying activity is a weekly park day on Thursday afternoons.

Christian Association of Parent Educators - New Mexico (CAPE-NM)

P.O. Box 3203, Moriarty, NM 87035

Phone: (505) 898-8548

Email: info@cape-nm.org

<http://www.cape-nm.org/>

CAPE is a nonprofit organization, directed by a board subscribing to a Christian statement of faith. CAPE's purpose is to serve the entire home school community, regardless of religion. The annual convention and curriculum fair, fall family leadership retreat, state Capitol Day, voice mailbox, quarterly newsletter, and statewide support group information are just a few of the opportunities that CAPE sponsors.

Albuquerque Homeschooling Meetup

Organizer: Jamie E. Santillanes

<http://www.meetup.com/Albuquerque-Homeschooling-Meetup/>

If you are a homeschooling family and are looking to have fun with other families on park, zoo, aquarium, museum, etc. outings, then they would like to meet you.

Albuquerque Unschoolers

Serving the greater Albuquerque Metro area

Contact: Sylvia

Email: sylgt04@yahoo.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Homeschoolers-Unschoolers-in-Albuquerque-New-Mexico-USA-20842073463/>

Their main goal is to foster a local friendships with like-minded Unschoolers & Radical Unschoolers within Albuquerque.

Incarnation Home School Group

Organizers: Andrea Lucero-Watje, Theresa House

<http://www.meetup.com/Incarnation-Home-School-Group/>

Incarnation Home School (IHS) Group is a ministry of the Church of the Incarnation Roman Catholic Church in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Their mission is to serve homeschooling families by offering prayerful support, friendship, information, and a faithful Catholic community. All who have a genuine interest in homeschooling from a Catholic perspective are welcome to join their community, and they are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding homeschooling or the Catholic faith.

In Him Homeschoolers

2A Locust Hill Rd, Tijeras, NM 87059

Contact: Lisa Silva

Email: fullhousewithsix@aol.com

<https://eastmountainhomeschoolers.wordpress.com/>

In Him is a Christian homeschooling group. They live in the East Mountains or Albuquerque area of New Mexico and usually meet in Edgewood or Tijeras. Their field trips are all over the Albuquerque and East Mountains area. They homeschool in a variety of manners and methods.

Life Learners- Albuquerque Homeschool Group

Organizer: Jenny Parsons

<http://www.meetup.com/Life-Learners-Albuquerque-Homeschool-Group/>

This is an inclusive group open to all homeschoolers in the greater Albuquerque, NM area. They welcome homeschoolers looking to build friendships and share support. This group depends on member participation to make it a success. All members are encouraged to host events.

New Mexico Family Educators (NMFE)

P.O. Box 92276, Albuquerque, NM 87199-2276

Contact: Darla McLeod

Phone: (505) 275-7053

Publishes newsletter 10 times per year, The Connection. Membership \$20 per year, fee includes subscription.

Rio Grande Valley Home Learners

P.O. Box 1785, Los Lunas, NM 87031

Contact: Teresa Jeansonne

Phone: (505) 865-0927 or (505) 489-3652

Email: teresajeansonne@yahoo.com

They are an informal homeschool group in Valencia County. They have one or two field trips a month. They also have PE days and special events. Everyone is welcome!

Sandoval Area Support for Homeschoolers (SASH)

Sandoval Country, Rio Rancho, Corrales, Placitas

Contact: Lisa Batrs

Phone: (505) 771-0441

Email: sandovalareasupportforhomeschoolers-owner@yahoogroups.com

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SandovalAreaSupportforHomeschoolers/>

SASH is a support group for home educating families in the Sandoval County, New Mexico area. They are a relaxed and diverse group. They are open to all faiths (or none), beliefs, opinions, and home education styles (unschoolers to e-schoolers and everything in between). Moreover, they are there to support each other and for social gatherings.

Other Surrounding School Districts

Bernalillo Public Schools

224 Camino Del Pueblo

Bernalillo, New Mexico 87004

Phone: (505) 867-2317

<http://www.bernalillo-schools.org>

Belen Consolidated School District

520 North Main Street

Belen, New Mexico 87002

Phone: (505) 966-1000

Fax: (505) 966-1050

<http://belen.schoolfusion.us/>

Private Schools

Selection of a private school is a personal matter. Included in this section is basic information concerning schools within the Albuquerque area to help you with your decision. All information was taken from each school's website as written. A listing in this section does not assume a certain level of quality or a verification of information. It is strongly recommended you validate the credentials of any private institution you choose. A valuable source of information on private schools can be found on the Great Schools website at: www.greatschools.com and at the Private School Review website at: www.privateschoolreview.com.

Albuquerque Area Private Schools- Accredited Programs

Albuquerque Academy, 6400 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 828-3200, Grades: 6-12, School Type: Nonsectarian, Coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ISAS, NAIS, website: www.aa.edu/

Albuquerque Academy is an independent, college-preparatory day school situated on a scenic 312-acre campus in northeast Albuquerque. Classes take advantage of the city's museums, monuments, culture, and surrounding natural beauty. The Academy is committed to providing access to an enriched educational experience for students of character and talent throughout the city. Approximately 25 percent of students receive financial assistance.

Albuquerque Christian School, 7201-B Montgomery Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 872-0777, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Church of Christ, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, NCSA,
website: www.albuquerquechristianschool.com/

The goal of Albuquerque Christian School is to let the Lord work through their Christian community to create a wholesome, Spirit filled, loving, and safe environment. In this setting and using the Bible as a resource for life, children can grow spiritually and academically in Christ's love. Their desire is to encourage each other to pursue righteousness daily. They will strive to equip each student to find his or her purpose and path as the Lord directs.

Annunciation Elementary School, 2610 Utah St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 299-6783, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA website: www.annunciationcatholicschoolabq.org/

They awaken, recognize and honor the God given abilities of each student by providing active learning experiences using innovative techniques and cutting edge technology. They challenge students to accept responsibility to continue Jesus' mission by being people of prayer, service, wisdom and compassion. Annunciation Catholic School's mission is to provide a Christ-like and learner friendly environment to better serve God and community.

Bosque School, 4000 Learning Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 898-6388, Grades: 6-12, School Type: Nonsectarian, non-profit, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ISAS, NAIS, website: www.bosqueschool.org/

At Bosque, they want their students to become well-rounded, passionate, and enthusiastic leaders who see the connection between the work they do in the classroom and the outer world. Bosque students are driven to be excellent students and, just as importantly, outstanding people. As a school devoted to scholarship, they strive to challenge and support students as they prepare for college and the world beyond. Their commitment to community at Bosque creates a school where students encourage each other in classes, in the arts, and on the fields and courts of play. Integrity at Bosque is more than just a buzzword. Although they are a secular school, they believe in teaching students values, like honesty, compassion, and doing the right thing in every area.

Calvary Christian Academy, 1404 Lead Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 842-8681, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ACTS, NCPSA,
website: <http://www.calvarychristianacademyabq.org/>

They are an accredited pre-K through 12th grade school with a long tradition of education. Their faculty is dedicated to helping students succeed in today's world. They adapt their curriculum to meet the needs of their diverse student body, taking into account the many ways in which students learn. Anchored by their Christian beliefs, they excel at one-on-one interaction with their teachers, their fine arts program, enriching academic learning with long-term projects and extracurricular activities, and fostering diversity on campus and in the Albuquerque area

Christ Lutheran School, 7701 Candelaria Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 884-3876, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NLSA, website: www.clc-s.org/

They are a Christian School dedicated to raising up children of Character who excel academically. They offer a full preschool through 8th grade program, designed to train minds academically, develop character spiritually, and instill hearts of servant leadership in all their students. Their teaching staff provides living models for young hearts and minds combined with an excellent education in a loving and "family" environment in which all students learn and grow. They are committed to their core values in providing academic excellence, spiritual growth and character development. Their competitive curriculum encourages their students to be confident and competent as they prepare for high school, college, and meaningful adult lives. They welcome families from all financial, religious, and cultural backgrounds.

Crestview Christian Academy, 600 Ouray Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120
Grades: PK-8, **School Type:** Seventh Day Adventist, Coed. (505) 836-0536
Accreditations/Associations: AAASCU, NCPSA,
website: <http://crestview22.adventistschoolconnect.org/>

The Crestview Christian Academy is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to provide a spiritually oriented education for children. They believe that true education develops the spiritual, mental, and physical powers of each student; preparing them for the joy of service in this life and for the higher joy of service in the life to come. The Crestview Christian Academy operates in harmony with the guidance and direction of the Office of Education, North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Desert Hills, 5310 Sequoia Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 836-7330
Grades: 6-12, **School Type:** Nonsectarian, Special Education (Social/Emotional, coed. **Accreditations/Associations:** AdvancED,
website: <http://www.deserthills-nm.com/>

At Desert Hills, they specialize in offering fully comprehensive residential programming that encompasses a full continuum of care. The Residential Treatment Program is designed to offer compassionate services for severely emotionally disturbed youth, both males and females, who are experiencing social, emotional, and behavioral problems. This program consists of 24-hour nursing and an intensive therapeutic and educational program. All patients are assigned to their own treatment teams of which include nurses, therapists, the program director, unit staff, and psychiatrists. Desert Hills has a comprehensive educational program 12 months a year. Clients receive regular school credit while they attend the Desert Hills School. Continuing with the client's education while at Desert Hills is an important part of the treatment program. The school provides a positive, safe, individualized place to learn and grow.

Eastern Hills Christian Academy, 3100 Morris St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 294-3373, **Grades:** PK-8, **School Type:** Christian, non-profit, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, AdvancED, **website:** <http://easternhillsca.com/>

At EHCA, they are committed to providing a strong educational foundation for lifelong learning. Their students are engaged in their challenging core curriculum taught from a biblical perspective. Every student will receive an education enhanced by enrichment classes in Spanish, music, art, PE and chapel. Small class sizes allow their degreed educators, many holding advanced degrees, to give each child the attention and recognition they deserve. Their focus is on fostering curiosity while developing critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, study skills and compassionate, respectful behavior.

Escuela del Sol Montessori, 1114 7th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 242-3033, Grades: PK-6 School Type: Nonsectarian, Montessori, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: AMS, NCPSA, website: <http://escueladelsol.org/>

Escuela del Sol is an educational community that promotes the understanding of the interdependence of all life, values diversity, and encourages students of all ages to discover the role each plays in contributing to his or her community. Escuela del Sol Montessori is a not-for-profit school that runs an elementary education program and the Harwood, a community outreach program based in arts education and service. Escuela del Sol provides the best educational conditions available for holistic child development, in an environment where students, parents, and staff are treated with kindness and respect, and accepted as valued members of the school community.

Evangel Christian Academy, 4501 Montgomery Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 883-4674, Grades: K-12, School Type: Assembly of God, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ACTS, AdvancED, NCPSA, website: www.ecanm.info

Evangel Christian Academy (ECA) is a multicultural private institution serving children from preschool through 12th grade. Many of their graduates go on to four year colleges and have received numerous scholarships including appointments to service academies. The school has been operating since 1976. Students at ECA are encouraged to excel in academics whether it be math, science, language arts, or social studies. ECA also offers a fine arts program and a sports program to develop their talents. Be it Kindergarten or High School, they excel at promoting and encouraging their students in their individual strengths and talents. Their faculty is committed to giving your student a rounded and empowering education that launches them into a life of success and devotion to Jesus Christ.

Holy Ghost Catholic School, 6201 Ross Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, (505) 256-1563, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA
website: <http://holyghostcatholicschool.com/>

Holy Ghost Catholic School views parents as the primary persons in teaching children about values and spirituality while providing opportunities for the parents to be involved in the education of their children. Their Service Learning Program provides opportunities for students to develop and enhance concepts and skills across the curriculum. Student participation in service exemplifies "Walking in the footsteps of Jesus". The school leadership and faculty have fully embraced the spirit of continuous improvement and use external methods of evaluation to help guide actions. Through the process of continuous improvement, HGCS earned the "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence" recognition by the US Department of Education in 2009.

Hope Christian Schools, Inc, 8005 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 822-8868, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, ICAA, AdvancED,
website: www.hopechristianschool.org/index.cfm

Hope Christian School is a Christ-centered community that provides a safe environment, equipping students to grow to excellence spiritually, academically, physically, and socially, becoming passionate leaders who will transform the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They do so through a combination of Biblical worldview curricula, faculty who love the Lord, programs designed to exercise the students' body, mind, and spirit, and an unwavering commitment to follow God's will for Hope Christian School.

Hope Connection School, 4700 Eubank NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 237-0844, Grades: 8-12, School Type: Nonsectarian, alternative, coed.
Associations: AdvancED, website: www.hopeconnectionschoo.com

The Hope Connection School is a non-sectarian school that accepts students in grades 6-12. Students earn a high school diploma and all classes are college bound courses. Students can also have concurrent enrollment while being enrolled at a public high school, other private high school, University of New Mexico or CNM (Central New Mexico Community College). The Hope Connection School is in the Block Schedule where students earn 2 credits per quarter that occurs every nine weeks. 99% of all Hope Connection School graduates go on to college. Even though the Hope Connection School is strictly an academic school, it has clearance from the NCAA for potential athletes.

The most important goal at Hope Connection School is to prepare students for the future and to have them feel good about themselves and their school. Academic success and a positive self-image are priorities needed to reach this goal.

Immanuel Lutheran School, 300 Gold Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 243-2589, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NLSA, website: <http://www.immanuelabq.org/>

Immanuel Lutheran School has been the education-mission arm of Immanuel Lutheran Church since 1924. The school offers rigorous academics and an array of extracurricular activities and athletics to students in grades Pre-K through 8th. The award-winning school is one of Albuquerque's jewels, having been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and nominated as an outstanding accreditation facility by the National Lutheran Schools Association.

Legacy Academy, 7201 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 923-3659, **Grades:** PK-8, **School Type:** Christian, coed. **Accreditations/Associations:** ACTS, NCPSA, **website:** <http://www.legacychurchnm.com/academy>

To prepare students to defend their faith, reach their potential, and demonstrate responsible citizenship in a safe environment. Legacy Academy's objectives are to educate with a Biblical Worldview, incorporate the viable triangle of learning that will include the student, parent and teacher, inspire a love for lifelong learning, promote the inclusion of parents in the learning process, incorporate hands-on application for students, set out clear and understandable discipline guidelines, ensure a safe environment for optimum learning and secure competent, Christian staff members

Manzano Day School, 1801 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 243-6659, **Grades:** PK-5, **School Type:** Nonsectarian, coed. **Accreditations/Associations:** ISAS, NAIS, **website:** www.manzanodayschool.org/

Founded in 1938, Manzano Day School is an independent, nonprofit elementary school for children in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. The school's historic six-acre campus borders Old Town and downtown Albuquerque and is home to charming adobe buildings, placitas, and gardens. They enroll over 460 intellectually capable children from culturally, ethnically, and socio-economically diverse backgrounds. Manzano Day School provides its students with an opportunity to experience *Joy in Learning*[®]. Each member of their faculty is sensitive to individual learning styles and the need to present developmentally appropriate, yet challenging material in a nurturing atmosphere. Their curriculum is aligned with national standards and is rich in content and delivery. In addition to the core subjects of reading, math, science, and social studies, the six co-curricular subjects of art, library, music, physical education, Spanish, and technology are part of every student's schedule.

Menaul School, 301 Menaul Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 345-7727, **Grades:** 6-12, **School Type:** Presbyterian, alternative, coed. **Accreditations/Associations:** ISAS, **website:** www.menaulschool.com/

Menaul School is a faith-based, college preparatory day and boarding school for students in grades 6-12. Founded in 1896 by the Reverend James Menaul, the school was initially a boarding school for Spanish speaking boys. Since 1934, Menaul School has been a co-educational, independent school with a reputation for excellent values, ethics, and moral character. Middle School program is crafted to meet the developmental needs of early adolescents to build a strong foundation that will support their students well into high school and beyond. Menaul's Upper School offers a rigorous, college preparatory curriculum comparable to honors and AP courses. Menaul School offers an extensive Fine Arts Program that includes Drama, Chorus, Band, Jazz Band, 2D Art, 3D Art, Photography, and Pottery. All students participate in Mission Week where

students give back to the local and regional communities through volunteer activities. Menaul School is a member of the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) Division I. Sports include football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, and track and field in the Upper School. Middle School students participate in the APIAL league with flag football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, and track and field.

Mountain View Academy West, 4100 New Vistas Ct NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114, (505) 898-1500, Grades: PK-5, School Type: Nonsectarian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AdvancED.

Oak Grove Classical Academy, 4001 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 269-2696, Grades: PK-7, School Type: Christian, Traditional Classroom/Homeschool Combination, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AdvancED, CSI, website: www.oakgroveclassical.com

Since 2008 Oak Grove Classical Academy has partnered with parents to affirm their role as the primary influencers in their children's lives. Employing a rigorous classical pedagogy within a unique university model course schedule, students gain Christian wisdom and training in classical eloquence, equipping them for leadership in the modern world. Oak Grove seeks to present subjects as tools through which they learn more of God's character and His design of their world. They strive to partner with parents in providing a Christ-centered, classical education utilizing a university model. They seek to inspire their students to love learning, to face life's challenges with courage and character, and to apply God's truth in their spheres of influence.

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School, 4020 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 255-6391, Grades: K-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, website: www.fatimaschoolabq.com

At our Lady of Fatima Catholic school, God gives us the opportunity every day to be the very best they can be: compassionate, responsible discerning citizens.

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School, 815 Guaymas Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, (505) 256-3167, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEW, website: <http://www.ola-albq.com/>

Our Lady of the Assumption (OLA) faculty and staff pledge their commitment to offer to their students a Catholic education emphasizing Catholic identity, with a strong focus on moral values, leadership opportunities, and academic excellence. OLA has a commitment to the lifelong process of learning about their Catholic faith, academic challenges, responsible behavior, and community service. OLA is a recipient of the prestigious Pinon Award, a Quality New Mexico honor which recognizes excellence in education based on meeting National Baldrige Award criteria.

Pathways Academy, 5651 B Jefferson St. NE, Suite B, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 341-0555, Grades: K-12, School Type: Nonsectarian, Special Education, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AdvancED, website: <http://pathwaysacademynm.org/>

Pathways Academy is a private non-profit school for children grades K-12. They have a diverse range of talented students, who thrive in their warm and home-like environment. Many of their students have struggled in traditional and/or special education environments before coming to us. They specialize in helping children with unique learning challenges reach their full potential in a caring and encouraging environment. They do their best to customize each child's education, working with students who have learning difficulties in reading, spelling, writing, math, focusing (such as ADD/ADHD), Asperger's or are on the autism spectrum.

Presbyterian Ear Institute Oral School, 415 Cedar St SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 224-7020, Grades: PK-3, School Type: Nonsectarian, Special Education, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AdvancED, Other special emphasis association, website: www.presbyterianearinstitute.org/school-oral-deaf-education

As the only completely oral deaf education program in New Mexico, PEI's School for Oral Deaf Education offers a unique program, for children 18 months to 8 years. They focus on developing listening and spoken language skills in a fun and engaging learning environment. Students receive individualized and small group instruction in 30-minute increments. Presbyterian Ear Institute Oral School is a Moog Curriculum School which features a focus on children talking and talking well, a unique organizational structure that promotes independence and learning to talk, maximum access to sound through hearing aids and cochlear implants, objective driven instruction, and a focus on pre-academic and academic subjects. Balancing their students' socio-emotional skills, fine and gross motor abilities, and cognitive development with targeted and specific instruction is their goal for each student. Their teachers are qualified, master-level professionals including oral-deaf educators, speech/language pathologists, and early childhood educators. PEI's School for Oral Deaf Education ensures active student participation and high motivation. Their goal is to help all their students to develop their speech, language, audition, academic, and social skills to a level that will bring them success in a mainstream classroom setting and in the larger hearing world.

Queen of Heaven School, 5303 Phoenix Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 881-2484, Grades: K-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA website: www.queenofheavennm.com/

They are a Pre-K through Grade 8 School committed to academic excellence and teaching Catholic Christian values. A dedicated staff of teachers, involved parents, supportive pastor and a caring parish make up the Queen of Heaven Catholic Community. They work together in that community to teach their

children respect, reverence and responsibility. They offer a quality spiritual and educational program, a rigorous standards based curriculum including Religion, Spanish, Computers, Art, Music and P.E. for all students, safe and secure school environment, small class sizes, caring and experienced staff, an emphasis on the three r's: reverence, respect and responsibility, excellent teacher credentials and special middle school academy classes including: computer graphics and animation, speech and debate, cooking, construction, painting, "Broadway bound", embroidery and more.

Rio Grande Christian Academy, 2121 Gun Club Rd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105, (505) 877-0535, Grades: K-12, School Type: Baptist, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AACCS, AdvancED, website: <http://rgca.riograndebaptist.org/>

Rio Grande Christian Academy is a Bible based school that strives to academic excellence along with spiritual excellence. You can rest assured that your children will receive a quality education that is enforced with Biblical principles of Christian character and ethics. They strive to make their school a place of academic excellence and spiritual integrity. They make it priority that their students learn and grow to higher levels of education. The school is committed to the continuing education and the development of their staff to insure they can offer the best to their student body. They believe that the Bible, as God's Word, should be at the center of everything they do and teach. The curriculum that they utilize is infused with 60 Biblical character traits of Christ, elective Bible courses, and memory verses. Along with the curriculum, students attend devotions and chapel services. RGCA maintains a high standard when it comes to the safety of their student body. With regular safety drills and trained staff, they do their best to protect their students, staff, and school body.

Salam Academy, 3939 San Pedro NE Bldg. E, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 888-7688, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Islamic, non-profit, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AdvancED, website: www.salamacademy.org/

Salam Academy was established in 2001. Their small class size gives their certified teachers time to focus on each student. Their school has a dress code and maintains a healthy Islamic environment. It is a Community owned non-for-profit organization with a 501(c) status and mainly depends on community donations (tax deductible). They believe their children are the future. Their school is dedicated to providing a quality education in both fields: the religious and the secular. Their unique education system has established their place as one of the State of New Mexico's outstanding schools. Salam Academy's Vision is to create outstanding American citizens who are trained to be leaders in their family, their community, and the American society as a whole. Salam Academy is an institution of learning aimed at maintaining the ethnic roots and moral values of Muslim students. They develop model American citizens who are the outstanding leaders in the fields of science, mathematics, and the humanities.

San Felipe de Neri School, 2000 Lomas Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 242-2411, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA
website: <http://sanfelipedenerischool.org/>

San Felipe de Neri Parish school is located in historic Old Town Albuquerque. They are surrounded by our rich Hispanic culture and within walking distance of Albuquerque's fabulous museums. Your children will be able to participate in one of a kind cultural activities such as joining with the community in making luminarias and setting them out at Christmas, participating in the fiestas, or attending the Blessing of the Animals at the Gazebo of the Old Town Plaza. They offer a strong Catholic identity, experienced faculty, weekly student mass, positive student behavior, pre-k program (4 year olds), encouraged parental involvement, great home/school communication, strong academics, focus on high school readiness, excellent administration, secure campus, high test scores, competitive sports program. Their courses include Religion, P.E., Study Skills, Computers, Library, and Music.

Sandia Montessori School of Albuquerque, 3240A Juan Tabo Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 293-6614, Grades: PK-5, School Type: Nonsectarian, Montessori, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AdvancED, website: www.sandiaschool.com/

Their kindergarten program provides their students with a strong foundation in phonics, mathematics and introduces such subjects as earth sciences and geography. Their nationally accredited Elementary program is structured as a multi-level combo room which encourages growth, imagination and creative thinking. Children from 1st to 5th grade are grouped together in one classroom setting, but have unique and specialized curriculum written for their specific level of advancement. This being a core teaching of the Montessori Method, allows older children to assume the role of ‘mentor’ to the younger children and helps the younger children grow and develop faster as they have role models to emulate. The staff, many of whom have been with the school since the early years, are trained and dedicated professionals focused on making the learning experience fun and challenging for your children. Their modified Montessori Method encourages their children to think independently, develop good study habits and life skills that will stay with them forever.

Sandia Preparatory School, 532 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113, (505) 228-3000, Grades: 6-12, School Type: Nonsectarian, independent study.
Accreditations/Associations: ISAS, NAIS, website: www.sandiaprep.org/

Sandia Prep provides remarkable opportunities for intellectual and personal growth within a challenging and balanced program for students in grades 6-12. Their innovative college prep curriculum prepares students for success in college

— and beyond — and inspires each to find and achieve his or her purpose in the world. Their rigorous, well-rounded curriculum is designed to educate the whole person. They employ an integrated approach with a focus on writing, research and speaking. Their unique program is designed to develop critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers and collaborative leaders. Academics is their top priority, balance is their core value, and community makes them who they are. Their school is distinguished by a strong, diverse community and strong, enduring relationships. Representing the face of Central New Mexico, Sandia Prep students come from approximately 70 different schools and 55 different zip codes.

St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School, 1801 Hazeldine Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 243-5788, Grades: K-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, website: <http://stcharlesabq.org>

Welcome to Saint Charles Catholic School, an important ministry of the Saint Charles Borromeo Parish in Albuquerque, NM. It is their mission to provide a challenging academic curriculum fostered by Catholic values in a safe, diverse, family-oriented community. Their aim is for everyone to model respect, service and compassion for others, and to exercise self-discipline in order to reach their full potential.

St. Mary's School, 224 7th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 242-6271, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, website: www.saintmaryscatholicsschool.com/

They provide a Catholic education to preschool through eighth grade students in the greater Albuquerque area. They are uniquely situated in downtown Albuquerque and for over 100 years have defined their success by the dedication of their teachers and staff as well as the academic, spiritual, and professional achievements of their students. Their faculty are certified and degreed by the State of New Mexico and follow standards prescribed by the State of New Mexico and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. They are proud of their rich history and record of academic excellence in their community. Besides the subjects of Religion, Math, Reading, English, Science, and Social Studies - students attend Art, Music, P.E., Computer, Spanish, and Library classes on a weekly basis all year. Their curriculum includes hands-on experiences and projects to engage their students in their own learning.

St. Pius X High School, 5301 Saint Joseph's Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 831-8400, Grades: 9-12, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: AdvancED, NCEA, website: www.saintpiusx.com

From a humble beginning in 1956 in the basement of St. Charles Borromeo, St. Pius X has grown to a top-notch academic and values-oriented school, recognized as one of the most outstanding secondary schools in New Mexico and the Southwest. Their students come from all areas of metropolitan Albuquerque and accurately reflect its diversity. Just over 730 young men and women from grades 9 to 12 make up the student body. The typical St. Pius X student is active in school activities, athletics and fine arts while striving to prepare for their future. Over 98 percent of St. Pius X graduates go on to colleges and universities throughout the nation with many of them earning scholarships. The class of 2014 earned \$14.7 million in college scholarships. Proud of the continuing success of its students, the school aspires to meet the challenges of modern life, which now moves at the speed of electronic impulses. Students are educated in current in technology, knowledge, ethics, concepts and issues to succeed in the real world. A fine balance between where we've been and where we're going sets St. Pius X apart.

St. Therese Catholic School, 311 Shropshire Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 344-4479, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA,
website: <http://www.stthereseschoolabq.org/>

St. Therese School is part of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic School System and is located in the heart of the North Valley of Albuquerque. Although the school is run entirely by lay people, the Church and its Pastor remain closely united and work together to better the education of all the students at St. Therese School. St. Therese School is a Catholic School dedicated to providing all students with Catholic academic, moral and spiritual experiences within a safe, nurturing environment that will empower them to reach their maximum potential. St. Therese School is dedicated to assisting families with passing on the Catholic faith, morals, and values to the students. The school is a community outside the home, where religious values and truths may be integrated with daily life. The school strives to provide a quality education in a Christian environment and to help each student develop his/her own potential through creative expression, hands-on-learning, self-discipline, and the opportunity to participate in liturgy, prayer, sacraments, and community service.

Sunset Mesa Schools, Inc., 3020 Morris Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 298-7626, Grades: PK-5, School Type: Nonsectarian, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NCPSA, NIPSA, website: www.sunset-mesa.com/

Sunset Mesa Schools actively choose and develop a high quality curriculum to provide foundational skills as well as opportunities for teachers to challenge students. In addition, weekly instruction by six full-time enrichment specialists, in the elementary grade, enhances students' education and provides a variety of avenues for children to reach their full potential. Sunset Mesa students regularly test in the top 1% of the nation. High test scores are not merely a sign of academic accomplishment but a reflection of instruction designed to prepare children for the academic rigor that lies ahead. Smaller class size is a necessity when it comes to being able to give the individual attention needed to instruct each child effectively. Sunset Mesa believes that elementary school will always be about teaching the basic, foundational skills that a child needs for education and for life. Their instruction is focused toward the needs of each child in an atmosphere that is emotionally and physically safe, academically driven and values based. They are dedicated to building character and confidence in each child.

Victory Christian School, 220 El Pueblo Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114, (505) 898-3060, Grades: K-12, School Type: Christian, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, website: www.vcsabq.com/

Victory Christian School is a Kindergarten through twelfth grade traditional Christian school located in the North Valley of Albuquerque in The Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico. Their desire for your children is not only to give them the best academic education possible, but also to share with you spiritual goals for your children.

East Mountain Area Private Schools- Accredited Programs

Holy Child Catholic School, School address- 19 Cam De Santo Nino, Tijeras, NM 87059, Mailing address- P.O. Box 130, Tijeras, NM 87059, (505) 281-3077, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, website: www.holychildcatholicsschool.org

Holy Child Catholic School principal goal is the development of the whole child in accordance with the mission of the Church: the salvation of souls. The philosophy of the school and the religious education program is that the school be a continuation of each family's role in "passing on the faith" to its children. The school views the parents as primary in the teaching of values and spirituality, and provides ample opportunities for the parents to be involved in the educational process. The mission of Holy Child Catholic School is to advance the development of the soul, mind, and body through a rigorous classical curriculum; to foster spiritual and intellectual growth; to develop stewardship of God's gifts and inspire a love for the Eucharist, the Church, and evangelization.

Prince of Peace Lutheran School, 12121 Hwy 14 N, Cedar Crest, NM 87008, (505) 281-6833, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NLSA,
website: <http://schooloffice6.wix.com/princeofpeaceschool>

The community of learners at Prince of Peace, are committed to equipping each child with a Christ centered education for life and beyond. With the support of students, parents, teachers and church members they will grow spiritually, academically and physically reaching their full potential. They believe that by strengthening our relationship with Jesus Christ, they grow spiritually and academically to become the person God intends us to be. They are committed to excellence in academics and teaching responsibility to interact in Christian love with those they encounter in all avenues of life. They welcome all faiths. They teach God's word and its application to our daily lives. For the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic school years for all tested grades, students at the Prince of Peace Lutheran School tested in the top 94% of all students in country on the Iowa Standardized Test scores!

Villa Santa Maria School, 19 Cirguela Rd, Cedar Crest, NM 87007, (505) 281-3609, Grades: K-12, School Type: Residential Special Education, Nonsectarian, co-ed
Accreditations/Associations: AdvancED, website: www.villasantamaria.org

The Villa Santa Maria is a residential community for children with Reactive Attachment Disorder. The Villa Santa Maria was originally founded in 1956 as an orphanage by the Reverend Monsignor Bernard M. Burns who established it as a private, non-profit, charitable organization with no religious affiliation. In 1998 the Villa revolutionized their approach when the management chose to base their clinical practice on Attachment Theory, specifically in regards to early childhood emotional development and affect regulation. They currently treat a variety of psychiatric diagnoses, visit their website or call for more information. The Villa Santa Maria is located seven miles east of Albuquerque, NM, in the majestic Sandia Mountains.

Corrales Area Private Schools- Accredited Programs

Cottonwood Montessori, 3896 Corrales Road, Corrales, NM 87048, (505) 897-8375, Grades: PK-6, School Type: Nonsectarian, Montessori, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: AdvancED, NMPED,
website: www.cottonwoodschool.org/

Their mission is to encourage the potential of each child through an interdisciplinary curriculum which cultivates intellectual achievement, physical and artistic abilities, emotional learning, and creative reasoning in accordance with Montessori philosophy. Why should you join the Cottonwood School community? Their unique 7-acre campus providing real environmental education, their belief in whole, child whole brain learning experiences, their nurturing staff

with a strong focus on academics, unparalleled Montessori teaching for pre-K through 6th grade, weekly enrichment programs that are integral to the curriculum, research and anecdotes that show real world benefits of their teaching philosophy and alumni with success storied in middle school, high school, and beyond.

Sandia View Academy, 65 Sandia View Lane, Corrales, NM 87048, (505) 898-0717, Grades: 9-12, School Type: Seventh - day Adventist, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: AAASCU, NCPSA,
website: www.sandiaviewacademy.org

Sandia View Academy is a Seventh-day Adventist High School located in Corrales, New Mexico. Our mission is to provide a quality Christian secondary education in a climate that promotes a relationship with Jesus Christ and a desire to fulfill His commission of service. Curriculum is designed to weave the thread of Christ's sacrifice to restore our relationship with God throughout the learning activities. Their curriculum is college preparatory in nature. Therefore, academic classes are taught at the level of honors classes. Students are expected to apply and extend their learning as well as meet deadlines responsibly. Students enrolled in their school system regularly outperform the state and national averages. Students attending higher education report that they were well prepared for their college experience. The school also offers an athletics program, safe environment, family feel, service emphasis, student trips, academic support, spiritual support and caring teachers.

Sandia View Elementary School, 24 Academy Dr., Corrales, NM 87048, (505) 897-4805, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Seventh - day Adventist, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: AAASCU, NCPSA,
website: <http://www.sandiaview.org/>

Welcome to Sandia View Elementary a Christian school operating Kindergarten through Eighth grade; striving to provide excellence in education spiritually, scholastically and socially since 1994. SVE pursues academic excellence in all areas. From Kindergarten to 8th grade, students are taught in modes that promote the development of their multiple intelligences. We provide sound academics infused with a Biblical view of God and the world. In annual standardized testing, SVE students consistently perform above the national average at every grade level. SVE's commitment to our students is to provide the highest quality education, balanced with life-enriching activities; to establish a solid foundation upon which they can build successful, happy and prosperous lives.

Rio Rancho Area Private Schools- Accredited Programs

St. Thomas Aquinas School, 1100 Hood Rd SE, Rio Rancho, 87124, (505) 892-3221, Grades: K-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed.

Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, website: www.stthomasaquinasschool.org/

St. Thomas Aquinas School is a Catholic elementary and middle school for grades Kindergarten through eighth. Enrollment is approximately 425 students with 2 full day kindergarten classes and two classes each of grades 1 - 8. There is a maximum of 25 students per class. The typical school day is from 8 am to 3 pm. St. Thomas Aquinas strives to provide a well-rounded, holistic education for its students. Core subjects include religion, reading, math, language arts, science, and social studies. Core subjects are taught in a challenging and developmentally appropriate style. Art, music, computer and gym courses are also offered. Students learn the traditions and tenants of the Catholic Faith through daily instruction, prayer, services, and participation in the liturgical life of the parish. Daily recitation of the Rosary and Scripture sharing are part of the development of the spiritual nature and life of students.

Los Lunas/Belen/Bosque Farms Area Private Schools- Accredited Programs

Canon Christian Academy, 19381 Hwy 314, Belen, NM 87002, (505) 864-6611, Grades: PK-10, School Type: Christian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACTS, website: www.ccabelen.com/

Calvary Chapel Academy is a unique and special learning environment that can be marked by three key distinctive, Christ Centered, Life Application and Student Discipleship. The primary difference between CCA and other learning institutions is God! They are convinced that a Christ centered academic approach makes math purposeful, history accurate, science true, and literature meaningful. At CCA they strive to go beyond just imparting and retrieving knowledge to developing the critical and analytical skills necessary for gaining understanding. Ultimately their goal is to regain the lost Biblical concept of wisdom. Wisdom occurs when a student, having knowledge and understanding, is trained to apply what they learn to real-life. Discipleship addresses the whole student. They are focused on raising adults who are emotionally secure, spiritually mature, intellectually equipped, and strong in character.

Del Rio Academy, 79 Romero Rd., Los Lunas, NM, 87031, (505) 866-9271, Grades: PK- 8, School Type: Special Education, Nonsectarian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: AdvancED, website: <http://sandhillcenter.org/>

Del Rio Academy is the school located on the Sandhill campus. The Sandhill Child Development Center is a residential program for children ages 5 to 13 at admission, who are experiencing significant difficulties functioning in their

current home, school or community due to an inability to regulate their emotional states. By repairing a child's trust in care and adult guidance, Sandhill gives the child the tools necessary to proceed with a healthy and bright future. They currently treat a variety of psychiatric diagnoses, visit their website or call for more information.

St. Mary's Catholic School, Church and 10th Streets, Belen, 87002, (505) 864-0484, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA website: <http://stmarysbelen.com/>

Saint Mary's offers a high-quality, literacy-based program immersed in Christian values for students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Their curriculum is based on the guides and concepts of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and meets all criteria set by the State of New Mexico. Their school day begins with school-wide prayer at the flagpole and continues with classroom prayer throughout the day. The teachers of Saint Mary's School all are state-licensed and committed to providing a superior instructional program for all students. As a Catholic school, Saint Mary's mission expands beyond outstanding academic programs. The Church's teaching mission includes inviting young people to a relationship with Jesus Christ or deepening an existing relationship with Jesus, inserting young people into the life of the Church, and assisting young people to see and understand the role of faith in one's daily life and in the larger society. Tasked with this Saint Mary's becomes a "school for the human person" and fills a critical role in the future life of our Church, our country and our world.

Virtual/Online Schools- Accredited Programs

Tuition based

Most online schools offers classes on a per class basis, check the school's website for availability and cost.

The American Academy, website: <http://www.theamericanacademy.com/>,
Grades: 9-12, Accreditation: NWAC, Full tuition for 2015-16 academic year ranges from \$1,744 (1 payment) to \$1,746 (3 payments).

Bridgeway Academy, website: <http://www.homeschoolacademy.com/>, Grades: K-12, Accreditation: NCA CASI, SACS CASI, NAPS, Full tuition for basic "Total Care" Prime/Online program for the 2015-16 academic year are Elementary (K-5) \$1,955; Middle (6-8) \$2,895 and High (9-12) \$2,995. They do offer a Military Scholarship for active duty families, visit <http://www.homeschoolacademy.com/homeschool-learning-programs/military-families/> for more information.

International Connections Academy, this is the private school partner to the New Mexico Connections Academy (NMCA), website: <http://www.internationalconnectionsacademy.com/private-school/home.aspx>,
Grades: K-12 (grades 4-12 are tuition free under NMCA), Accreditation: MSA, SACS CASI, NWAC, Full tuition for the 2015-16 academic year are Elementary (K-5) \$4,880; Middle (6-8) \$5,750; and High (9-12) \$6,350. They do offer a 10% discount per student for families with either multi-children enrolled or active duty military.

James Madison High School, website: <http://www.jmhs.com/>, Grades: 9-12, Accreditation: SACS CASI, DETC, Full tuition for the 2015-16 academic year ranges from \$1,324 to 1,549 depending on payment plan.

Worldwide IDEA Private Academy, website: <http://worldwide-idea.org/index.html>, Grades: K-12, Accreditation: NWAC, Tuition for 2014-15 academic year are:

Military Families

1 enrolled student- from \$675 (if paid in one payment), \$740 (two semester payments of \$360) or \$816 (\$68 per month)

2-4 enrolled students- from \$945 (if paid in one payment), \$990 (two semester payments of \$495) or \$1,080 (\$90 per month)

Non-Military Families

1 enrolled student- from \$750 (if paid in one payment), \$800 (two semester payments of \$400) or \$900 (\$75 per month)

2-4 enrolled students- from \$1,050 (if paid in one payment), \$1,100 (two semester payments of \$550) or \$1,200 (\$100 per month)

Albuquerque Area Private Schools- Non-Accredited Programs

Abundant Life Christian School, 2851 Arenal Road SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 877-7772, Grades: K-12, School Type: Mennonite, coed. Associations: ACE, website: <http://www.alcsaguilas.com/>

The Mission & purpose of Abundant Life Christian School is to provide a safe and nurturing place where students pre-school through high school can receive spiritual and academic instruction in a Christ centered, community environment. ALCS specializes in working with students who come from homes where Spanish is the primary language and English is a second language. ALCS provides a great learning environment and welcomes all students who are excelling in their academic work and have a heart of compassion for encouraging and working and learning alongside those for who school is more difficult. ALCS intends to address the needs of the whole student, including body, soul, and spirit. ALCS works alongside parents to help to develop their children not only into well-educated graduates who have excelled in their academic studies but more importantly into God honoring, spiritually mature, mission minded, followers of Jesus Christ.

Christian Heritage Academy, 2800 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 888-4156, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Baptist, alternative, coed. Associations: Other religious schools associations, website: <http://christianheritageabq.com/home.html>

Christian Heritage Academy has been established to meet the educational needs of children in a Christ-centered environment, with dedicated Christian teachers, in a spiritual, academic atmosphere. Their school uses the Accelerated Christian Education program, which is based on Biblical philosophy, individually-prescribed, self-instructional curriculum, and an advanced system of motivated learning. During the course of a school year, CHA uses these eight characteristics to help each student; Christian atmosphere, character building, academic excellence, computer education, individualized instruction, disciplined environment, parental involvement and Patriotism.

The Church Christian Academy, 3021 Todos Santos Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 331-3309, Grades: K-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Associations: ACE

Cross of Hope Lutheran School, 6104 Taylor Ranch Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 897-1832, Grades: K-5, School Type: Evangelical Lutheran, coed. Associations: none, website: <http://www.crossofhope.org/schools/elementary>

Serving Kindergarten through Grade 5, Cross of Hope Elementary School excels at Christ-centered education that helps children develop their intellectual, physical, emotional, social and spiritual gifts to the glory of God and service to others. Cross of Hope Elementary School offers credentialed state-licensed teachers, competitive research-based curriculum, low student/teacher ratios, Singapore Math, Spanish instruction, Christian education with a weekly chapel experience, library, music, art, physical education, lunch program, after-school care and many extracurricular opportunities. Cross of Hope students score in the top 10% of the nation on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, a national standardized achievement test used by many private schools and some public schools throughout the nation.

Design for Learning Differences Sycamore School, 8600 Academy Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 822-0476, Grades: 1-12, School Type: Nonsectarian, special education, coed. Associations: Other school associations, website: www.dldsycamoreschool.com/

DLD-Sycamore School is a private, non-profit school, serving students with learning difficulties from the greater metropolitan area of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Often these students have average or higher intelligence and abilities, but may be falling behind or experiencing failure in school. Students in grades 1-12 are enrolled in a comprehensive academic program that is offered in a day-school setting. The school year begins in July and has followed a year-round quarter system since its inception. DLD's staff is experienced in working with youngsters with learning differences. They are highly trained and skilled, and are committed, dedicated, and caring professionals, who incorporate Christian values into their teaching standards. Certified and non-certified personnel work in the intimate and nurturing environment of the school. The alternative high school program offers an independent study curriculum that is accredited. Students who complete the four-year course of study receive a diploma signifying attainment of the required number of hours of credit.

First Fruits Christian Academy, 500 Oliver Ross Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 833-0858, Grades: K-6 School Type: Baptist, Coed. Associations: none

First Fruits Christian Academy was founded in January 2003 and provides Christian education to pre-K through grade five students in a caring environment.

Graceway Christian Academy, 1621 Arizona St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 262-0969, Grades: K-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Associations: ACSI member school, website: <http://www.gracewaychristianacademy.com>

They hold to the historic doctrines of the Word of God, while incorporating an excellent program of studies as a foundation for quality education. Such a combination aids in developing a Scriptural worldview for their students. They work with the students, in conjunction with the parents, grandparents, or guardians, to develop programs to assist their students' learning needs. They want to prepare them for now, and for eternity. They are one of the few Christian schools that offer tuition that is designed to be affordable for families. GCA provides generous discounts for families with more than one child, plus additional discounts offered to all active military families, law enforcement, first responders (EMT), as well as to all pastors/full-time associates in churches of like faith. The mission of Graceway Christian Academy is to provide an exceptional school experience with academic excellence that fosters Christian character and a biblical worldview, complementing the family and the church.

Mountain View Mennonite School, 1721 Blake Rd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105, (505) 873-3417, Grades: 1-8, School Type: Mennonite, coed. Associations: None

New Life Baptist Academy, 6900 Los Volcanes Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 352-2826, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Associations: none website: <http://www.newlifebaptistacademy.org/>

New Life Baptist Academy was established as a ministry of New Life Baptist Church to assist Christian/non-Christian parents in fulfilling their divine responsibility to educate their children. They exist to lead boys and girls to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and then train them in the knowledge of God, the Christian way of life, and to offer them an excellent education. Their desire is to work with the parents in raising their child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and thus equipping them to identify, evaluate, and relate properly to life's problems. As Christian educators, they are concerned with the total person: intellectual, spiritual, physical, mental, emotional and social being. They believe the needs of the total person can only be met when approached from a Christian or Biblical philosophy.

Paradise Christian School, 6013 Paradise Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114, (505) 898-4508, Grades: K-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Associations: ACE

website: <http://www.newsongchristianabq.com/testimonials.html>

They endeavor to educate children; in cooperation with parents, towards maturity and a world-view of biblical Christianity. Their education philosophy states that everyone must be educated so they can be prepared to fulfill their responsibilities to God, students must be controlled and motivated in order to learn, learning must be measured and rewarded, relationship is a necessity for successful motivation and inspiration of students, students must participate in the educational process as active learners, striving to reach school, class, and personal goals, and students are individuals and learning is accomplished on an individual basis.

Shepherd Lutheran, 3900 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 292-6622, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, coed.

Associations: None,

website: www.shepherdlutheran.org/site/default.asp?sec_id=140000835

Shepherd Lutheran Christian School offers daily focus on God's Word, solid academics, Moral and Spiritual education, parental involvement and parenting enrichment, safe environment and family atmosphere, character building using the absolute truth of God's Word, promotion of strong work ethic, parent/teacher partnership, patriotic and citizenship education, emphasis on music & art, after school childcare, drama & chess clubs, intramural sports for all, school and tone-chime choirs, multi-grade classrooms and activities, interscholastic basketball, volleyball, track, and cross-country, science/geography fairs with an optimal school size.

Western Heights Christian School, 6415 Sage Rd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 242-3135, Grades: PK-5, School Type: Assembly of God, coed. Associations: Other special emphasis association,

website: <http://www.westernheightsabq.org/>

Western Heights was founded in 1968 by Wallace M. Franklin and his wife, Norma. They wanted to minister to children 7 days a week, not just Sundays. 46 years later, they are still on board with this mission. Norma, Grandma Precious, is still well known by our families. We are blessed and excited to learn and grow with your family every day.

East Mountain Area Private Schools- Non-Accredited Programs

East Mountain Learning Academy, 132 Rincon Loop, Tijeras, NM 87059, (505) 281-3265, Grades: K-8, School Type: Nonsectarian, alternative, all-female.
Associations: None

Edgewood Christian School, P.O. Box 949, Edgewood, NM 87015, (505) 281-5091,
Grades: K-8, School Type: Christian, coed. Associations: none, website:
http://woodsendchurch.com/?page_id=116

Edgewood Christian School has been a ministry of woodsEnd church since 1984. They offer quality private education at a reasonable price, God-centered and challenging curriculum, and a staff of caring teachers with many years of experience. Their Kindergarten is a superb 5 year old program using Abeka curriculum and taught by our veteran teacher, the highly acclaimed Ms. Connie. It is a full five day program and emphasizes reading and basic skills in math, social skills, and Bible teaching. Your child will learn to read! He or she will also grow in character and basic school etiquette.

Oak Flats Christian School, 26 Carlisle Road, Tijeras, NM 87059, (505) 281-1766,
Grades: K-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Associations: None

Pathway Private Academy, 31 Milky Way Rd, Tijeras, NM 87059, (505) 281-2179
Grades: 1-8, School Type: Private, Christian, coed. Associations: None

Rio Rancho Area Private Schools- Non-Accredited Programs

Gospel Light Baptist Academy, 1500 Southern Blvd SE, Rio Rancho 87124, (505) 892-9463, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Associations: None
website: www.glbacademy.org

GLBA exists to provide a quality, Christ-centered education through excellence in academics and personal, Christian character development. This will be achieved by placing a high priority on individualization and an absolute preeminence on God's Word. They exist to educate students with academic excellence based on the principles of God's Word, inspire students to a life of learning and growing mentally and spiritually, equip students to be successful in the sight of God and others to the fulfillment of the Great Commission given by Jesus Christ, develop students that have a heart for reaching others for the cause of Christ.

Los Lunas/Belen/Bosque Farms Area Private Schools- Non-Accredited Programs

Back to the Basics Learning Academy, 1160 Bosque Farm Rd, Bosque Farms, NM 87068, (505) 610-7853, Grades: K-8, School Type: Nonsectarian, coed. Associations: None, website: www.back2basicsacademy.com/

Back to the Basics Learning Academy offers parents out there the wonderful opportunity to take advantage of having your child educated by an excellent, veteran school teacher who knows precisely how to teach our children effectively. They will challenge your child to be as great as their God given potential will let them be! Their curriculum will integrate solid, structured learning with emphasis on critical thinking and they will integrate teaching material from dozens and dozens of outstanding resources that have proven to be extremely effective. They are very excited about working together with you all and being able to provide a service to parents that want to home school, but cannot afford to.

Bosque Farms Christian Academy, 275 N Bosque Loop, Bosque Farms, NM 87068, (505) 869-3022, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Assembly of God, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACE, website: <http://www.thebronco.org/>

Bosque Farms Christian Academy (BFCA) was started in 1979 as a ministry of First Assembly of God in Bosque Farms, New Mexico. Since 1979, the Bible has always been the main textbook of this academy. The mission of BFCA is to provide a training center to teach students how to live according to God's principles, to be passionate followers of Christ, and to find and fulfill the destiny and purpose God has for their lives. The vision of BFCA is to affect our local community and ultimately the world by training young people in the ways of God, providing a strong academic foundation, and guiding them to find and fulfill their purpose in the Kingdom of God.

Miracle Center Christian Academy, 1035 Pecan SE, Los Lunas, NM 87031, (505) 865-5159, Grades: 2-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Associations: ACE

Private School Accreditation Bodies:

AASCU- Adventist Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities- <http://www.nadadventist.org/article/56/directory/find-a-school>

AACS- American Association of Christian Schools- www.aacs.org/

AdvancED- AdvancED is a merger of AE-NCA CASI- North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, NCA CASI- North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, NWAC- Northwest Accreditation Commission and SACS CASI- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement- www.advanc-ed.org

ACSI- Association of Christian Schools International- www.acsi.org/

ACTS- Association of Christian Teachers and Schools- <http://actsschools.org>

ELEA- Evangelical Lutheran Education Association- www.eleanational.org

ISAS- Independent Schools Association of the Southwest- www.isasw.org/

ICAA- International Christian Accrediting Association- www.icaa.us

MSA- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools- <http://www.msa-cess.org/>

NAEYC- National Association for the Education of Young Children- www.naeyc.org

NAIS- National Association of Independent Schools- www.nais.org/

NAPS- National Association of Private Schools- <http://www.napsaccreditation.com/>

NCEA- National Catholic Education Association- www.ncea.org/

NCPSA- National Council for Private School Accreditation- www.ncpsa.org/

NCSA- National Christian School Association- www.nationalchristian.org

NIPSA- National Independent Private Schools Association- www.nipsa.org/

NLSA- National Lutheran School Association- <http://www.lcms.org/schools>

SSDSA- Solomon Schechter Day School Association- www.ssdsa.org

WCEA- Western Catholic Educational Association- <http://www.westwcea.org/>

Private School Associations

ACE- Accelerated Christian Education- www.schooloftomorrow.com

ACTS- Association of Christian Teachers and Schools- <http://actsschools.org>

CSI- Christian Schools International- www.csionline.org

Base Resources

Airman and Family Services Programs

- **Airman and Family Readiness Center- Family/Work/Life**
(505) 846-0741
 - Information and Referral
 - Career Counseling
 - Spouse Tuition Assistance
 - Relocation Assistance
 - Financial Management
 - Air Force Aid
 - Family Life
 - Readiness/Deployment Support
 - Pre- and Post- Deployment Family Retreats
 - Transition Assistance
 - Loan Locker/Food Bank
 - Bundles for Babies/Layette Program

- **Central Child Development Center Waiting List Coordinator**
(505) 846-1802

- **Family Child Care**
(505) 846-1802
 - Home based childcare on Kirtland AFB
 - Expanded Child Care Programs
 - Returning Home Care
 - Childcare for PCS

- **Child Development Centers**
Gibson Child Development Center, (505) 846-1103
Maxwell Child Development Center, (505) 853-5521
 - Full Day Child Development Program
 - Hourly Care
 - Part-Day Enrichment Program (Gibson CDC only)

- **Kirtland AFB Youth Programs**
(505) 853-KIDS (5437)
 - School Age Before & After School Programs servicing Sandia Base, Wherry and Kirtland Elementary Schools
 - School Age Holiday and Summer Day Camps
 - Open Recreation Programs for youth aged 6-18
 - Sports Programs
 - Instructional Programs
 - Kirtland 4-H Club
 - Youth Employment Skills Program (YES)
 - Power Hour (Homework Help)
 - Fit Factor

- **Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse**
(505) 846-3305
 - ADAPT (Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention & Treatment)
 - Intensive Outpatient Service

- **Chapel Programs**
(505) 846-5691

- **Crime Prevention**
(505) 846-6209
 - Child Fingerprint (Operation ID)
 - Engraving equipment for property marking
 - McGruff Visits
 - Child Safety Briefings
 - Various Child Activity Booklets
 - Bike Safety

- **Drug Demand Reduction**
(505) 846-7234
 - Drug Abuse Prevention Education
 - Drug Education for Youth (DEFY)

- **Family Advocacy**
(505) 846-0139
 - Developmental Play Groups
 - New Parent Support Program

- **Health and Wellness Center**
(505) 846-1186
 - Basic Nutrition/Healthy Living Program
 - Fitness Education
 - Cholesterol/BP Education
 - Exercise Orientation
 - Stress Management
 - Tobacco Cessation

- **Immunization Clinic**
(505) 846-3101

- **Mental Health/Life Skills Support Center**
(505) 846-3305
 - Mental Health Counseling
 - Marital Counseling
 - Conflict Management Groups
 - Anxiety/Depression Management Groups
 - Anger Management Groups

- **Outdoor Recreation**
(505) 846-1499
- **Pediatrics (377 Medical Group)**
(505) 846-3211
- **New Mexico National Guard State Family Programs**
(505) 853-5668
(505) 853-5128

Helpful Websites

General School Information

Great Schools- www.greatschools.org

School Digger- www.schooldigger.com

School Quest- www.schoolquest.org

Choosing a School for Your Child-

www.ed.gov/parents/schools/find/choose/index.html

Albuquerque Area Schools

Albuquerque Public Schools- www.aps.edu

APS Charter Schools- <http://www.aps.edu/charter-and-magnet-schools>

APS transfer information- <http://www.aps.edu/schools/transfers>

Rio Rancho Public Schools- www.rrps.net/

Bernalillo Public Schools- <http://www.bernalillo-schools.org>

Moriarty-Edgewood School District- <http://www.moriarty.k12.nm.us/>

Los Lunas School District- <http://www.llschools.net/>

Belen Consolidated School District- <http://belen.schoolfusion.us/>

New Mexico Public Education Department- www.ped.state.nm.us/

New Mexico Immunization requirements- www.immunizenm.org

Private School Information

Private School Review- www.privateschoolreview.com

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)-

<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch>

Home School Information

New Mexico Public Education Department-

www.ped.state.nm.us/HomeSchools/index.html

Home School- www.homeschool.com

Home School Central- www.homeschoolcentral.com

Home School Legal Defense Association- www.hsllda.org

The Military Homeschooler- www.militaryhomeschoolers.com

Homework/Tutor Help/SAT & ACT Prep

Live Homework Help by Tutor.com- www.tutor.com/military

Online Homework Help by brainfuse- <http://elportalnm.org/>

Free SAT/ACT preparation software program- www.eknowledge.com/military.asp

March 2 Success- <https://march2success.com/>

Military Family Information

Kirtland AFB- www.kirtland.af.mil

Kirtland AFB Force Support Squadron- www.kirtlandforcesupport.com

Home School- www.homeschool.com

Military Child Education Coalition- www.militarychild.org

Military Homefront- www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil

Military One Source- www.militaryonesource.com

National Military Family Association- www.nmfa.org/site/PagerServer
Military Students on the Move- www.MilitaryStudent.org
10 Things Military Kids Want You to Know-
http://www.militaryfamily.org/assets/pdf/NMFA_KidsToolKitBWversion_FINAL_012011.pdf
10 Things Military Teens Want You to Know-
<http://www.militaryfamily.org/assets/pdf/Teen-Toolkit-PDF-FINAL.pdf>
Military Impacted Schools Association-
www.militaryimpactedschoolsassociation.org
Air Force Crossroads- www.afcrossroads.com
Operation Military Kids- www.operationmilitarykids.org
Deployed Kids- www.deployedkids.com
American Association of Pediatrics- Support for Military Children & Adolescent-
<http://www.aap.org/sections/uniformedservices/deployment/index.html>

Children with Special Needs Information

Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP)- www.stompproject.org
Wrightslaw- www.wrightslaw.com
DoD Special Needs Toolkit- go to the Special Needs/EFMP Homepage at
www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/tf/efmp and click on EFMP ToolBox to get to the toolkit link.

Please contact me should you have additional questions and/or concerns

Very Respectfully,

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Kirtland Youth Programs

What we have for you!

Youth Programs

Hours

Before and After
School Age
Hours

Monday - Friday
6:30 - 6:00 pm

Open Recreation
Hours

Mon - Thurs
1:00 - 7:00 pm

Friday
3:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday
10:00am - 4:00pm

Phone

853-KIDS (5497)

School Age Program

Before and After School Care for
Kirtland, Wherry and Sandia Base Elementary,
Summer camp & Winter/Spring Break Camps
ages 5-12

Kirtland Youth Sports

Start Smart, a 6 week programs for children ages 3-5
Youth Sport, T-Ball, Soccer, Basketball and summer
mini-camps for ages 5-18

Fit Factor is an incentive programs for activities
A web base program

Open Recreation

A cool place for your Pre Teens and Teens ages 9-18 to
come & hang out! We offer Power Hour, Tournaments,
after school clubs & projects for all interests.

Instructional Class

Tae Kwon Do is offered to Adult women ages 14 & up
and children classes ages 8-13

Please call for all prices & information about the great
programs we offer at your Kirtland Youth Programs

Quick Checklist for School Moves

Parents/Guardian

- ✓ Student's Birth Certificate
- ✓ Student's Social Security Number
- ✓ Student's Health Record (Immunization, physical, etc.)
- ✓ Legal documents as needed
- ✓ Legal proof of residence/Military Orders
- ✓ Child's military ID card

School Information

- ✓ Address, phone numbers, other contact information
- ✓ Course description book/ Grading scale (if available)
- ✓ Copy of the cover of each textbook or the Title Page
- ✓ School profile/ Handbook
- ✓ School Web page (URL)
- ✓ Other:

School Records

- ✓ Copy of Cumulative folder/ Transcripts ("official" copy must be mailed between schools)
- ✓ Current schedule
- ✓ Report cards
- ✓ Withdrawal grades or Progress Reports
- ✓ Test Scores (standardized or Special Program Testing, etc.)
- ✓ Other:
- ✓

Special Program Records as appropriate

- ✓ Individual Education Plan (IEP)/ Individual Accommodation Plan (504)/ Gifted Program Description
- ✓ English as a Second Language (ESL) or Bilingual Education
- ✓ At-Risk or Other Action Plans for Classroom Modifications
- ✓ Other:

Other Documents and Examples

- ✓ Writing samples and other work examples
- ✓ Activities records (co/extracurricular)
- ✓ Community Service or Service Learning
- ✓ Other work or performance examples
- ✓ Academic Recognitions and Competition Participation
- ✓ Other:

Additional Recommendations for School Transition:

3-6 months before the move

- Research the new school district
- Call your School Liaison Officer to answer any questions you may have

1-2 months before the move

- Review the “Quick Checklist for School Moves” and gather any missing documents
- Copy proof of residence or housing document that show where you will be living
- For Middle/High School students, set up a time to meet with the school counselor at the receiving school to go over transcripts
- Find out what the withdrawal process is at your child’s school and make a plan to withdraw your child from school

2 weeks before the move

- Review Checklist and make sure that all documents are as current as possible and not packed with your household goods
- Remind School of student’s last day

MOVING BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

- Make a copy of the front cover of your child’s textbooks
- Copy course outlines or topics covered
- Know what to expect with the transfer of credits (call SLO for information)
This step could reduce a lot of stress!

Tips for Easing Your Child's Anxiety about the New School



- Become familiar with your child's school before your child's first day. Give your child as many details as possible about the new school and the surrounding community in order to ease the first day jitters.
- Help your child establish ways to stay in touch with friends at their previous duty station. This gives him a sense of continuity as he acclimates to the new school environment and makes new friends.
- Encourage children to talk with their teachers. Getting to know their teachers makes it easier for them to ask for help. If you have a young child, make a point of meeting the new teacher personally.
- Talk to your children about their school experiences. Encouraging your child to talk about his frustrations in her new learning environment provides her with a healthy forum for expression.
- Encourage your child to join extracurricular activities such as clubs or school organizations. This is a positive, productive way to meet people with shared interests.
- If school work is challenging, talk to your child's teacher. Children should not wait until they are overwhelmed to voice their concerns. This is a good way to model positive interaction with the teacher.
- Finally, do not hesitate to contact your local School Liaison Officer. We are ready and willing to help you with every phase of your school transition!