

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Our History

New Mexico Connections Academy is a NM PED accredited, public charter school serving students in grades 4-12 from all across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. Enrollment has grown from just over 400 students our first year to over 1,739 students last year. The school was founded in the 2013–14 school year. The school's first senior class graduated in May 2014. NMCA is a rigorous alternative to the traditional public school that encourages students to maximize their individual learning potential in a more flexible environment. The curriculum at NMCA is challenging and well designed to prepare students for their post high school choices, and all curriculum is taught by New Mexico Certified teachers. Our current enrollment cap is 1100, which includes a limit of 125 for seniors.

Our Mission

To help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

OUR PROGRAM

New Mexico Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program. Here are some important facts about the program:

- New Mexico Connections Academy is accredited by the New Mexico Public Education Department
- The school has 36 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 10 have earned advanced degrees and all are highly qualified.
- School is in session 180 days between the months of August and May.
- Students are able to earn a maximum of 7.5 credits during the school year.



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

Principal: Elisa Bohannon

Manager of Counseling: Jolene Ortiz

Counseling Staff: Tamara Bibo- 12th Grade & 10th Grade (Last Names A-L), Bernadette Rael - 11th Grade & 10th Grade (Last Names M-Z)

Manager of Special Education: Shannon Vasquez

SAMPLING OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:

Students in the Class of 2018 earned total college scholarship awards in the amount of \$1,131,710.92 and were accepted to the following colleges:

Central New Mexico Community College
Santa Fe Community College
University of New Mexico
Eastern New Mexico University
Grand Canyon University
Northern Arizona University
University of Arizona
University of Colorado at Denver
Abilene Christian University
Washington State University
Ashford University
California Baptist University
Davis and Elkins College
Johnson & Wales University: Denver
Neumont University
Northwest Florida State College
Seoul National University
Texas A&M University Texas Tech University
United States Air Force Academy
Western State College of Colorado

COURSE OFFERINGS

New Mexico Connections Academy's core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, where they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

AP course offerings include: Art History, Biology, Calculus, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, French, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, U.S. Government, and U.S. History.

Honors course offerings include: Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 9-12, Geometry, Physical Science, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

[Please view all of our high school courses](#)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

New Mexico Connections Academy operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is six to seven classes per semester.

25 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science*	3
Social Studies	4
Health	0.5
Physical Education	1
Career Cluster	1
Other Electives	7.5
Total	25

*Two science courses must be lab courses

TESTING STATISTICS

AP testing for 2017-18:

26 students participated in AP testing

New Mexico Connections Academy had 22 students participate in Dual-Enrollment with local colleges.

HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College representatives are invited to connect with our students through web conferencing technology. Two weeks' notice is greatly appreciated so that we have time to notify students. For more information about setting up a web conference session, please contact Jolene Ortiz, Manager of Counseling, at:

jcortiz@nmca.connectionsacademy.org

GRADING SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
A+	98–100	4.0	4.5	5.0
A	92–97	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90–91	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	88–89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	82–87	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80–81	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	78–79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	72–77	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70–71	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	68–69	1.3	1.8	2.3
D	62–67	1.00	1.5	2.0
D-	60–61	0.7	1.2	1.7
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00



PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

Plan	%
Two-year college	19.5
Four-year college	26
Employment	40.9
Vocational Training	9.7
Military	2.6
Other	1.3
Total	100

CLASS RANK POLICY

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student’s cumulative weighted G.P.A. for all high school courses, including transfer courses.

Transcript Abbreviations

- CO** Course completed
- EN** Scheduled in section
- IP** Active in section
- PC** Student has completed course and teacher is finishing grading
- WF** Failing grade at time of withdrawal from course
- WP** Passing grade at time of withdrawal from course.