

2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

CEEB Code # 320608

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

NMCA is the innovative, cutting edge school. NMCA is an engaged community fostering student success with an exemplary team that is committed to each other and our students.

OUR PROGRAM

New Mexico Connections Academy is approved by the NM Public Education Department and an accredited, public charter school serving students in grades 4-12 across the state. NMCA includes a four-year comprehensive high school program. The school was founded in the 2013-14 school year, with the first senior class graduating 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.

Important facts about the program:

- New Mexico Connections Academy is accredited by the North Central Association Commission Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), an accrediting division of Cognia.
- The school has 86 certified/licensed professional staff.
- School is in session 180 days between August and May.

STUDENT POPULATION

Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. Our current enrollment cap is 1500. Student demographics include: White (34.9%), Hispanic (56.6%), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (<1%), African American (2.25%), Asian (0.94%), and American Indian or Alaskan Native (5.1%).

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

- **AP Course Offerings Include:** Biology, Calculus AB, Computer Science, Psychology, English Language & Composition, English Literature and Composition, and U.S. History.
- **Honors Course Offerings Include:** Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English 9-12, Geometry, Physical Science, Physics, Pre-Calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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INSTRUCTIONAL COACH: Verna Adams

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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

9th-12th Counselor, Last Names:A-Ce:
Jana Lees

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9th-12th Counselor, Last Names:N-Se:
Kimberly Chavez

9th-12th Counselor, Last Names:Sh-Z:
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Bernadette Rael

Social Worker/Child Welfare 4-12:
Nancy Baca

ACCREDITATIONS



SAMPLING OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

University of New Mexico
New Mexico State University
Central New Mexico Community College
San Juan College

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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 seven classes per semester.

Area/Subjects	#Units for Graduation (Students entering high school before SY 2025- 2026)	#Units for Graduation (Students entering high school in SY 2025-2026)
Language Arts	4	4
Math	4	4
Science*	3	3
Social Studies	3.5	4
Health	0.5	0.5
Physical Education	1	1
Career Cluster	1	0
Local Requirement	0	2
Other Electives	8	5.5
Total	25	25

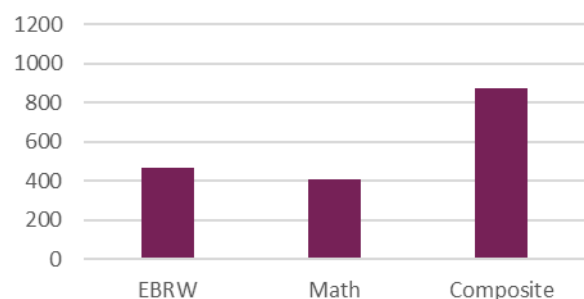
*Two science courses must be lab courses

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	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92-97	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90-91	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88-89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82-87	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80-81	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78-79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72-77	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70-71	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68-69	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	62-67	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	60-61	.67	1.17	1.67
F	0-59	0.00	0.00	0.00

SAT School Average for 2024-2025



Post-Graduation Plans: Class of 2025

Plan	% of Students
Two-Year College	15
Four-Year College	22
Employment	28
Technical/Vocational Training	7
Military	2
Gap Year	18
Other	8
Total	100