

2026-2027 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 an 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 98 certified/licensed professional staff.
- School is in session 180 days between August and May.
- Enrollment is capped at 1,500 students, with more than 1,000 enrolled in grades 9-12.
- The Class of 2026 included 303 graduates and achieved a graduation rate of 78%.

STUDENT POPULATION

Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. Student demographics include: White (28.42%), Hispanic (58%), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (<1%), African American (1.88%), Asian (1.21%), and American Indian or Alaskan Native (6.03%) and Multiple races (4.36%).

ADVANCED COURSE OPTIONS

AP Course Offerings Include: Biology, Calculus AB, Computer Science Principles, 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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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Jana Lees - 9-12 Last Name: A-Ce

Diane Dominguez - 9-12 Last Name: Ch-F

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Karen Kaufman - 9-12 Last Name: U-Z

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ACCREDITATIONS



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

University of New Mexico

New Mexico State University

Central New Mexico Community College

San Juan College

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	6.5
Total	25	25

*Two science courses must be lab courses

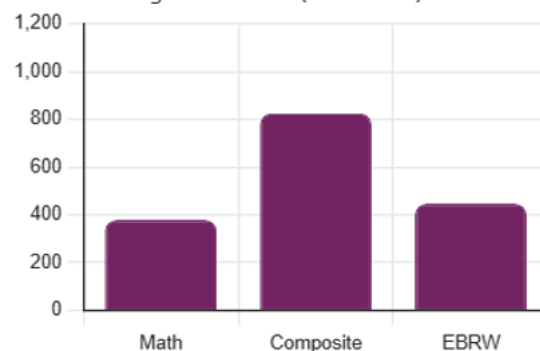
GRADING SCALE

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

Average SAT Scores (2025-2026)



Post-Graduation Plans: Class of 2026

Plan	% of Students
Two-Year College	17
Four-Year College	31
Employment	23
Technical/Vocational Training	11
Military	3
Gap Year	5
Other	10
Total	100