

New Mexico School for the Arts
Head of School Report: December 2014
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NMSA provides access to a rigorous mastery arts and academic high school education for youth with passion and aptitude in the arts, leading to post-secondary learning, careers in the arts, and lives that contribute to society.

Advanc-Ed Accreditation

“Our mission is to lead and empower the education community to ensure that all learners realize their maximum potential.” On 11/12, we held our first NMSA team meeting. Katy Phebus is the team leader. Christina Yamashiro is leading Standard 4. Acacia McCombs and Eric Crites are leading Standard 3. Katy and I are leading Standards 1, 2 and 5.

Parent Association Support

David Sandoval, PA President, is meeting with city leaders to secure a graduation date at the Convention Center and is working with the City Manager to allow NMSA’s families to use the parking lot free of charge for special evening events.

Facilities

The roof leaks continue. The science room now has problems. Christina continues to work with the Archdiocese to resolve the problems.

On 11/12, Cindy and Christina Yamashiro met with Slate Stern to discuss the lease extension for SY2016-2017.

Strategic Planning

An overview of the LRP, which includes EPSS, will be shared with all staff at the November 11th in-service, with the Site Council on 10/28 and the Parent Association on 11/1. A more fully developed LRP will be shared with the GC at the December meeting.

Incentive Pay Pilot

NMPED has not replied.

College Counselor

NMSA’s request for college counselor funding was denied. The letter from NMPED is attached to this report.

Staff Training

The November 11 In-service focused on the first step of sharing the LRP and MAP training. The agenda is attached to this report.

AP Push

NMPED is increasing incentives for schools to increase AP course offerings. NMSA’s policies do not support AP classes. A discussion is needed to ensure that the GC understands the intention policy of the policy.

AAAC

Cecile was selected to sit on the Secretary’s Assessment and Accountability Advisory Council.

Upcoming NMSA Events

All state auditions are just around the corner for Wind, Brass & Percussion (November 18, 19).

Poetry Reading

Friday, December 5, 6:00pm
 Collected Works Bookstore
 202 Galisteo St., Santa Fe, NM

Winter Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, December 9, 7:00pm
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat
 50 Mt. Carmel Rd, Santa Fe
 \$10 Adults | \$5 Students/Seniors
www.nmschoolforthearts.org/tickets

Winter Choir Concert

Thursday, December 11, 7:00pm
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- December 4 Coffee House
- December 6 NMSA Events Day
- December 6 PA meeting
- December 10 Site Council
- December 11 Music Program- Choir
- December 14 NMSA Choir with SF Symphony at the Lensic

Assessments at NMSA				
Assessment	What is it?	Why do we do it?	When do we do it?	Misc.
MAP Measure of Academic Progress	Short Cycle assessment in math and reading given three times a year to grades 9, 10, 11 and	PED's SCA requirement. Now that ACT Explore and Plan are gone, we had to find another option.	Fall, Winter and Spring at NMSA	Can be used in the teacher evaluation. It is not used at NMSA.
PSAT	* See Below	School Report	October of	

		Card and Nat'l Merit Scholar.	every year at NMSA	
ACT	** See Below	School Report Card and College Admissions	Throughout the year at tests centers	
SAT	*** See Below	School Report Card and College Admissions	Throughout the year at tests centers	
SBA	****See Below Science Only	NM Graduation Requirement	Spring of Junior Year, Fall in Senior Year for those who failed to score proficient or advanced	

*** PSAT:** The **PSAT** is a nationwide, multiple-choice test taken by about 3.4 million high school students every year—mostly sophomores and juniors. A great primer for the SAT® and even the ACT®, the **PSAT** includes math, critical reading and writing questions. The percentage of 10th grade students who take the test is used by NMPED as a measure of NMSA’s college readiness. Therefore, all 10th graders take this test. 11th graders hoping to qualify as National Merit Finalists also take the test. 11th graders unable to pay for this on their own are given financial support. This test was given on 10/15/14 at NMSA.

**** ACT:** The **ACT** is a college admission achievement test, measuring what a student has learned in school. The SAT is more of an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities. The **ACT** has up to 5 components: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and an optional Writing Test./**SAT.** Students register for this test on their own or with the help of Acacia or Mikiko. The test is administered on different Saturdays throughout the year and at locations other than NMSA.

*****SAT:** The **SAT** is another globally recognized college admission test that lets students show colleges what they know and how well they can apply that knowledge. It tests their knowledge of reading, writing and math — subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms. Students register for this test on their own or with the help of Acacia or Mikiko. Students unable to pay for this on their own are given financial support. The test is administered on different Saturdays throughout the year and at locations other than NMSA.

******SBA:** Standards Based Assessment is a NMPED developed assessment that all schools must use to show students' level of proficiency in reading, math and science. Scoring of proficient or advanced is a graduation requirement. Students who are not proficient or advanced, must meet an Alternative Demonstration of Competency (ADC). The ADC will only be allowed AFTER the student has failed to be proficient on the 10, 11th, and 12th grade ADCs. The 10th and 11th grade math and reading SBAs are/were administered in the Spring. The science SBA is administered in 11th grade. The 12th grade SBA is administered in September of the senior year. **This year the reading and math SBA has been replaced by PARCC. Only the Science SBA will be used as a graduation measure.**

EOCs
PARCC