

New Mexico School for the Arts
Head of School Report: January 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

Katy Phebus, Christina Yamashiro, Acacia McCombs and Eric Crites work with me as a part of the implementation team. We are working on gathering documentation for the review.

GC Training

The NM Coalition of Charter Schools is hosting a Governing Council training on 1/17/14. We will have the details to share at the meeting in the event that anyone wants to attend. Otherwise, we will need to schedule a training session with Patty Matthews.

Facilities

The science room roof has been patched.

Lease Extension

The Arch Diocese approved NMSA's lease extension request through July 2016. See attached letter. We are working on the extension through July 2018.

Incentive Pay Pilot

NMPED has awarded NMSA a Pay for Performance Pilot award. See the attached letter.

Assessments

Assessment	What is it?	Why do we do it?	When do we	Misc.
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PARCC Partnership for Assessments of Readiness for College and Careers	NM's reading, writing, and mathematics computer-based assessments for students in grades 3-11	Graduation Requirement, developed to measure the full extent to which students are demonstrating mastery of the New Mexico Common Core State Standards (NMCCSS), School Grade component, teacher evaluation component	Fri. 1/23/15 for pretest; 3/3 and 3/4/15 PBA; and 4/14 and 4/15/15 for End of Year	Graduation requirements have been suspended for the class of 2016; a designation of college ready will be assigned to students based on PARCC outcomes
SBA*	See Below Science Only	NM Graduation Requirement and Teacher Evaluations	3/26/15 for only, Fall in Senior Year for those who failed to score proficient or advanced as juniors	
End of Course	EoC	Graduation requirement for US History, alternate measure for meeting graduation requirements, teacher evaluations	At the end of the semester for semester classes, at the end of the year for year-long classes	A PED option for measuring teacher effectiveness and used by NMSA
MAP Measure of Academic	Short Cycle assessment in math and	PED's SCA requirement. ACT Explore and Plan	Fall, Winter and Spring at NMSA	A PED option for measuring teacher

Progress	reading given three times a year to grades 9, 10, and 11	are no longer available. MAP was identified in our charter.	2/4 and 2/5/2015; 5/15 and 5/18/2015	effectiveness. Not used by NMSA
PSAT**	See Below	School Report Card and Nat'l Merit Scholar.	October of 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	
Finals	Cumulative Exam given to all students as required by law	Measure full extent of students knowledge of content, teacher created assessment	At the end of every semester	At NMSA, can exceed 20% of total grade

* **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 PARRC. Only the Science SBA will be used as a graduation measure.**

** **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.

Teacher Evaluations

NMPED has released the advancement process for level 1 and level 2 teachers. A copy of the PED letter will be provided to you at the 1/6/2015 meeting.