

New Mexico School for the Arts
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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.

Graduation 2016

NMSA will hold its next commencement exercises on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at the Convention Center. The time is TBD.

PEC Review

The PEC Review was submitted through the WebEPSS portal on June 15th. At this time, there are two areas that require attention. One is the completion of the GC training hours for SY2014-15. Gayle will work with GC members to schedule this training. The second is the publication of the annual report. NMSA has not followed the requirements of this statute. Before the School Grade Report became available, NMSA did publish the AYP standing. In all cases, the local newspaper requested the information. According to the statute, which is included in the board packet, NMSA must publish in the newspaper the names of all GC members, information regarding training hours and information regarding the budget. This needs to be submitted no later than November.

NMSA submitted its goal data to the PEC using NWEA Measures of Progress (MAP) data for 11th graders. The goals were agreed upon during the renewal. Since PARCC scores are not available, the only other data NMSA has and that the PEC will accept is MAP data.

They have notified NMSA that they will require more data. We have submitted goal data at the student level for reading and math for PEC review. If this format is accepted, data for the arts programs will be submitted as well.

Residential Update

NMSA has accepted seven new students, four girls and three boys, into the Residential Program. Twelve students, ten girls and two boys will be returning. The total number of students residing at the dorm to date is 19. One male student has not completed the

packet. Three students participating in summer auditions are eligible to live in the residential program.

PARCC

The results of the new standards assessment, PARCC, will not be available until December of January. Therefore, the current school grade of A remains as the NMSA designation.

The Priorities Bureau of PED has shared the plan for school designations once the PARCC results are compiled. School will be assigned a grade and a Tier. Tier 1 schools will be A and B schools. Tier 3 schools will be D and F schools. It is possible to be designated as a B school but be assigned a Tier 2 or 3 for a particular subgroup. Each Tier has different requirements for improving achievement. All tiers require a Web EPSS plan. NMSA, as a state chartered school, is no longer required to complete the EPSS.

On Friday, the Charter School Division confirmed that the EPSS was not required. Based on the conflicting directions, I have updated the EPSS for SY2014-15. I have not begun the 2015-16 version.

Technology Funds from SFPS

Santa Fe Public Schools allocated approximately \$29,000.00 to NMSA to provision classroom academic teachers, which will be ready for the start of the school year.

Teacher Evaluations

The NM Teach evaluation system has been revised for SY2015-16. The requirements have increased. All teachers will have to show very detailed plans related to levels of performance for all Students With Disabilities as well as English Language Learners.

Enrollment

Please refer to the Enrollment Update provided.

Delle Grant Update

Teacher training for teachers outside of NMSA is moving slowly due to a lack of interest. NMSA has identified some specific schools and projects related to interim assessments and students monitoring systems. We will reach out to those specific schools and will develop training into August or September.

NMSA teachers will participate in a training on July 20th.

PPP

NMSA has requested funds for the Incentive Pay Pilot. 100% of the teachers and support specialist received between \$900 and \$5000 in incentive pay.

NMSA has applied for the PPP for next year. We have also applied for the Prevention Specialist and Prevention Specialist funding.

Surveys

NMSA's Parent and Student Surveys were completed during NSP meetings. Results will be shared with the GC at the July or August meeting.

Creative Writing

Creative Writing Outreach events will take place in Taos and Santa Fe the week of July 13th.