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ADMISSIONS 2015-16 FINAL REPORT
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ADMISSIONS 2015:

153 students applied to New Mexico School for the Arts for the 2015-16 school year.

*Application is available online, and in hard copy by request. The application, essay and recommendation form are also available in Spanish both on-line and in hard copy. NMSA provides bilingual staff to assist Spanish speakers with the application process as needed.

138 students followed through with the application process and subsequent audition/portfolio review.

*3 of the 138 students auditioned in the fall and were accepted for the 2014-15 school year. One student (Dance 9th) started in the fall of 2014, and two students (Dance 9th/Vocal 10th) started second semester. *The 9th grade dance student who started second semester left the program in April for medical reasons.*

**15 students did not follow through on at least one part of the three-part application process and were each contacted three times regarding the missing components of the application. Students were given extended deadlines to submit missing materials.

135 students were scheduled for audition/portfolio review over 5 weekends.

*2 students (one junior, one freshman both VA applicants) declined to pursue audition after arriving and checking in for the event. The reasons given were that the school was not for them.

**1 student who was evaluated was a junior, applying for her senior year and did not disclose her academic status until after her portfolio review.

133 are the total number of students who were evaluated for acceptance to NMSA for the 2015-16 school year.

65 students were invited to attend NMSA for the 2015-16 school year.

56 freshmen students

4 sophomore students

5 junior students

*One student (for the junior class) is a department transfer from VA to Theater

3 students invited to attend NMSA declined the invitation.

- one student from Albuquerque, 9th grade vocal program
- one student from Tijeras, 9th grade VA (living with mother out of state)
- one student from Santa Fe, 10th grade dance

Returning students, accepted students and projected student population for 2015-16 allowed the invitation of an additional 7 students.

*4 ninth grade students in VA

*1 ninth grade student in music (instrumental)

*1 tenth grade student in music (vocal)

*1 tenth grade student in music (instrumental)

Students were invited and all have accepted.

69 students is the revised total of invited students to NMSA for 2015-16.

12 for Dance

17 for Music (includes additional invitees)

20 for Theater

20 for Visual Art (includes additional invitees)

APPLICANT DEMOGRAPHICS

Ethnicity:

50% of applicants identify as white

50% of applicants identify as minority

31% of students (22 of 70) accepted to NMSA are from outside the greater Santa Fe area.

Communities represented are:

Albuquerque (2)
Alcalde (1)
Alamogordo (1)
Bosque Farms (1)
Cerrillos (1)
Cochiti Pueblo/Pena Blanca (1)
El Prado (1)
Española (3)
Lamy (1)
Los Alamos (3)
Nogal (1)
Roswell (2)
Santa Cruz (1)
Taos (2)
Tijeras (1)

Admitted student male to female ratio is 1 to 3

8 Students have applied for the Residential Program

Alamogordo (1) – District 2

El Prado (1) – District 3

Nogal (1) – District 2

Roswell (2) – District 2 **

Taos (2) – District 3

Tijeras (1) – District 1

*7 female students

**1 male student