

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
HIGH SCHOOL

ALTERNATIVE DEMONSTRATION OF COMPETENCY POLICY

New Mexico School for the Arts shall establish an Alternative Demonstration of Competency (ADC) for students in compliance with state statute and regulations. The Head of School is authorized to develop Administrative Regulations to implement this policy.

All students must demonstrate competency in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies in order to receive a New Mexico Diploma of Excellence. However, students who are unable to demonstrate competency using traditional assessments have the opportunity to demonstrate competency through an alternative demonstration.

NMSA shall ensure that all students have equitable access to Alternative Demonstration of Competency and shall develop procedures to identify eligible students.

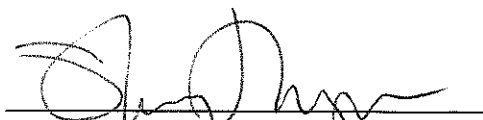
Students may demonstrate competency by meeting any of the cut-scores or methods for demonstrating competency that have been provided by the New Mexico Public Education Department. Students may also demonstrate competency with a rigorous portfolio of performance-based indicators by using local procedures adopted by the Head of School pursuant to this policy. Performance-based indicators may include, but are not limited to, the results of the 9th-12th standards-based assignments, assessments, exams and short-cycle assessments.

In all cases the Head of School makes the final determination of whether or not the student has demonstrated competency in the required subjects. The Head of School's determination of demonstration of competency will include whether the alternative demonstration of competency is complete, can be scored, addresses academic content standards, and adequately demonstrates competency.

The Governing Council of the New Mexico School for the Arts adopted this Alternative Demonstration of Competency Policy, effective March 3, 2015

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Rule 6.19.7.10(B) (I) (N) NMAC: "Artifacts" means work independently created by students that serve as evidence addressing the standards-based indicators.

Rule 6.19.7.10(B) (I) (N) NMAC: "Standards-based indicators" means multiple and varied measures that are aligned to the state content and performance standards and that demonstrate student competency in the subject areas required for graduation.

LEGAL REF.: NMSA 1978, 22-13-1.1 et.seq. (2010). 6.19.7 NMAC (2009)
6.29.1.9 NMAC (2009).