

West Mesa High School

School Profile 2022-2023

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West Mesa High School (WMHS) is a large comprehensive four year high school in the Albuquerque Public School System. WMHS received the honor of being recognized by Newsweek as one of America's Best High Schools for 2010. We are located in the northwest quadrant of the city with students from diverse ethnic backgrounds and various socioeconomic statuses. WMHS is a Title One School and qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision with 100% of students receiving free lunch. WMHS has one of the largest Special Education populations in Albuquerque, as well as, one of the largest populations of English Language Developers.

School Characteristics:

Type: Public; Grades 9-12

Total Enrollment: 1,977 Students 345 Seniors

Faculty and Staff: 125

Administration:

Michele Torres, Principal

Robert Erp, Assistant Principal

Santino Hernandez, Assistant Principal

Jean Marie Baca, Assistant Principal

Kirk Hartom, Dean of Students (9th & 12th Grades)

Jackie Smith, Dean of Students (10th & 11th Grades)

Joseph Cordova, Activities Director

Shonn Schroer, Athletic Director

Counseling Department:

Bernadette August, Counselor A-CO

Daniel Bryant, Counselor CR-G

Estefania Bryant, Counselor H-MN

Michele Hardwick, Counselor MO-ROD

Meagan Labuhn, Counselor ROE-Z

Erica Soskin; Crossroads Counselor

Tyler Hartom, College & Career Readiness Counselor

Ethnic Make-Up: 84% Hispanic, 5% Caucasian, 6% Native American, 1% African American, 1% Asian/Pacific, 2% Multiple

Class Length: WMHS is on a semi-block ABC schedule. Tuesday through Friday students attend four classes for 103 minutes per class. Monday is a full schedule with students attending all seven classes for 48 minutes per class.

Monday (C Schedule) Periods 1,2,3,4,5,6,7

Tuesday/Thursday (B Schedule) Periods 1,2,4,6

Wednesday/Friday (A schedule) Periods 1,3,5,7

Advanced Placement/ Honors: West Mesa has a rigorous AP program designed to prepare students for the demands of post-secondary education. Courses offered include

<u>Advanced Placement</u>		<u>Honors</u>
World History Modern	Calculus	English 9
US History	Psychology	English 10
US Government & Politics	Physics: Algebra-Based	Algebra I
Macroeconomics	English Language Arts	Algebra II
Microeconomics	English Literature	Geometry
Computer Science Principles	Spanish Language Arts	
	Spanish Literature	
	2-D Art & Design	

94% of students receive a 3 or above on the AP Spanish Language and AP Spanish Literature AP Exam

Grading System: Students are ranked numerically and grade point average, (GPA) are figured on a 4-point system (shown below) based on coursework completed in grades 9-12. GPA is weighted based on AP or Honors courses. Any course designated AP or Honors is awarded an additional .025 per semester.

A= 90-100	A=4
B=80-89	B=3
C=70-79	C=2
D=60-69	D=1
F=0-59	F=0

Graduation Requirements: Students earn one half credit for each class completed at the end of the semester grading period. Students do not earn credit for failing grades (F), withdraw fail (WF), incomplete (I) or no credit (N). Students must earn a minimum of 25 credits to graduate, required credits include; 4 credits English, 3.5 Social Studies, 4 Math, 3 Science, 1 PE, .5 Health, 1 Practical/Fine Arts, 9 Electives, 1 Dual Credit/Advanced Placement/Honors/Distance Education.

Test Scores: The 2020-2021 figures have not been released yet.
West Mesa- ACT- School Wide-16.5 District Wide-19.3; National- 20.6
SAT- School Wide- 990 District Wide- 1060; National- 1051

Post Secondary Plans: Upon graduation from the 2019-2020 School Year, 25.4%% of WM graduates continue their education at a 4-year school, 37.5% attend a 2-year post secondary school, 9.3% enter military service and 27.8% enter the workforce or are undecided.

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Academic Letters/Honor Roll: Strive for excellence in academics and earn an academic letter for the current year by maintaining a 3.5 GPA or better for two consecutive semesters including the last semester of the previous school year. All students who receive a 3.5 or above (first honors) or 3.0 to 3.4 (second honors) will receive academic recognition each year.

Bilingual Seal Recognition and Honor Seal:

Criteria includes the following:

- 4 credits of Spanish courses (minimum GPA 2.0)
- 4 credits of English or ELD courses (minimum GPA 2.0)
- 4 core content credits taught in English (minimum GPA 2.0)
- 4 core content credits taught in Spanish (minimum GPA 2.0)
- GPA of 2.5 for Recognition or 3.5 for Honors

Portfolio Requirements:

- Oral presentation, assessing use of both languages
- Written reflections with work samples, assessing use of both languages
- Cultural proficiency component
- Panel of community/staff members, with a minimum of 3 members

Community Panel:

- Evaluators must be proficient bilinguals and shouldn't be the students' teachers or recent graduates of school.
- Schools should communicate with one another to avoid scheduling portfolio presentations on the same day.

Language Assessment:

- Students must achieve a minimum score of 28 points total, in the oral and written categories combined, in order to earn the Seal, 50% of the written portfolio must be written in English and 50% of the portfolio must be in Spanish, 50% of the oral presentation must be written in English and 50% of the oral presentation must be in Spanish.

Foreign Language Pathway for the New Mexico State Seal of Bilingualism and Biliteracy:

- Includes state and national assessments and/or a portfolio presentation

Athletic Opportunities:

- Baseball, Basketball, Cheer, Cross Country, Dance and Drill, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

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Club Activities: Band, Bible Club, Bilingual Bootcamp, Ballet Folklorico Bowling, Chorus, Constitution Day Marshall-Brennan Moot Court Competition, CyberPatriot, D.E.C.A, Dungeons/Dragons Club Drama/Thespians, El Espiritu Yearbook, Escuela de Padres, French Honor Society, Gardening Club, Gay Straight Alliance, Guitar, Jr. Medical Reserves Corp, Korean Culture Club, Language Club, MESA, Mustang Amigos, National History Day, National Honor Society, N.J.R.O.T.C, Orchestra, Poetry Slam Team, Renaissance Leadership Club, Skills USA, Spanish Honor Society, Student Senate

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