

## Bilingual Multicultural Education Program Recognition Award Schools

### **Albuquerque High School**

Principal: Cesar Hernandez

### **Albuquerque Public Schools**

Superintendent: Scott Elder

Bilingual Multicultural Education Director: Linda Varela

Albuquerque High School is a comprehensive high school of approximately 1,700 students who come from a variety of ethnic, educational, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Because the school is the oldest in the district, it enjoys a strong heritage of tradition and community support. At AHS, students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement coursework and exams. For several years, AHS has had one of the highest percentages of Ivy League college acceptances in the district, and the Spanish Embassy in Washington DC has recognized AHS as the best public high school in the United States for Bilingual/Spanish education.

Our mission is to provide all AHS students equitable access to our bilingual education programs. With the support of the school and community partners, our BMEP uses data and culturally relevant and diverse instructional strategies to increase student achievement and develop a bilingual, biliterate, multicultural community. Our BMEP students are empowered with a strong cultural identity and global awareness.

