



# LOS ALAMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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100% of the students in Los Alamos Public Schools will meet or exceed expectations in three key areas: Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Wellbeing, and Civic Responsibility

**Type of district:** PreK - 12

**Number of students:** 3,543

**Square miles of district:** 109

**Number of administrative staff:** 47

**Number of certified teachers:** 353

**Number of classified staff:** 279

**Extracurricular activities:** Comprehensive and award-winning athletic, academic, community service, performing and visual arts programs

**Assessed valuation:** \$217 million

**Operating budget:** \$76 million

**Number of school buildings:**

- 5 Elementary Schools
- 1 Middle School
- 1 High School

**Accredited:** AdvancED

**Accolades:**

- Ranked No. 1 Best Public School District in New Mexico
- All seven schools designated Spotlight Schools
- AP Small District of the Year
- NMSBA Large District School Board of the Year

**Partnerships:** Offer over 50 dual enrollment courses through partnerships with the University of New Mexico - Los Alamos and Northern New Mexico College.

**About Los Alamos Public Schools**

Los Alamos Public Schools offers a well-rounded learning opportunity for students in PreK through 12th grade with a 97% graduation rate. The district serves 3,500 students, including 170 students from 33 different countries and pueblos speaking 25 different languages. LAPS offers a well-rounded education including fine arts, CTE, clubs and activities.

The high school curriculum is diversified, allowing students to develop an individualized rigorous four-year plan, including Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses. Career and Technology options include automotive, culinary arts, building trades and business and marketing classes. Students who desire a different approach to education can apply to the School of Choice or the Los Alamos Early College & Career Academy programs.

## Highlights

- LAPS schools designated as Spotlight Schools by NM Vistas
- LAPS School Board selected as 2025 NMSBA Large District School Board of the Year
- LAHS 2025 graduate named U.S. Presidential Scholar
- Mountain Elementary and Piñon Elementary ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> "Best in K-8 Schools" in New Mexico Elementary Schools by U.S. News
- Los Alamos High School in top 10% in the nation U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools
- 2023 AP Small District of the Year
- New Mexico Music Educators Association District of Distinction 2023
- Top ranked Comprehensive Public High School in New Mexico, 2012-2022
- AP Honor Roll Silver Member 2023, 2024, 2025
- NM Speech and Debate School of Excellence 2022
- Top 20% National Speech and Debate Association Chapter Schools, 8 qualifiers to the National Speech and Debate Association National Tournament 2022
- Students named as semi-finalists in the Regeneron Science Talent Search in 2016, 2021, 2022
- First place and top prize winner of \$250,000 in the 2020 Regeneron Science Talent Search
- NJROTC National Achievement Award 2022
- NJROTC New Mexico Physical Fitness Champions 2022, 2025
- NJROTC State Champions 2025
- State Chess Champions 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022
- NM State Precision Rifle Champions 5A 2021
- Boys & Girls Golf State Champions 2019
- Boys Swim & Dive State Champions 2020, 2021, 2022
- Girls Cross Country Champions 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2025; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 2024
- Boys Cross Country Champions 2018, 2019, 2021-2023; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 2024, 2025
- Boys and Girls Track Champions 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Esports Team State Champions 2022
- Topper Marching Band State Champions 2025

Los Alamos Public Schools was named the 2023 College Board Advanced Placement® District of the Year for being the national leader among small-sized school districts whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access.

LAPS was one of more than 12,000 school districts across the U.S. and Canada whose schools achieved high placement on the annual AP School Honor Roll. From this list, three AP Districts of the Year—one for each category of district population size: small, medium, and large—were selected based on research-based criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

### About the Los Alamos Community

Los Alamos is located on the Pajarito Plateau in the Jemez Mountains of Northern New Mexico, 35 miles from the state capital, Santa Fe. The major employer in Los Alamos County is the Los Alamos National Laboratory, a world-class scientific research facility. According to the 2020 census, 42% of the resident adults over the age of 25 hold bachelor degrees or higher and 36% hold graduate or professional degrees. Los Alamos County has the highest number of PhDs per capita in the nation at 17.8%.

Graduation Requirements	
English	4.0
Social Studies	3.5
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
Career Cluster/Foreign Language	1.0
Fine Art/Practical Art/ Technology	1.5
Physical Education	1.5
Health	.5
Electives	5.5
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>24.0</b>

High School Enrollment	
Class of 2026	283
Class of 2027	287
Class of 2028	292
Class of 2029	270
<b>Total Number of Students</b>	<b>1,132</b>

Bilingual Seal Recipients					
Class Year	French	German	Latin	Spanish	Total
2020	11	4	1	14	30
2021	5	1	2	7	15
2022	13	8	6	12	39
2023	14	8	7	6	35
2024	8	5	1	11	25
2025	6	4	1	18	29

Advanced Placement (AP)		
<i>643 exams taken in 2025 by 357 students (30% of student body)</i>		
<i>87% of the AP exams resulted in a score of 3 or higher</i>		
Class of 2025		Average Score
AP Scholars	58	3.50
AP Scholars with Honors	25	3.88
AP Scholars with Distinction	48	4.26

Scholars			
National Merit Scholars			
Class Year	Semifinalists	Finalists	Commended
2020	14	14	1
2021	12	12	1
2022	10	10	1
2023	18	16	5
2024	11	10	0
2025	6	6	1
2026	10	-	-

Presidential Scholars			
Class Year	Candidates	Semifinalists	Scholars
2020	1	1	0
2021	6	0	0
2022	0	0	0
2023	18	2	1
2024	9	1	0
2025	8	1	1

Test Scores			
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)			
<i>Graduating Class of 2025 Mean Scores</i>			
	ERW	Math	Composite
LAHS	551	516	1067
National	484	464	948
New Mexico	441	418	859

All students in New Mexico, including students at Los Alamos High School, are required to take the SAT in April of their junior year as a graduation requirement.

American College Test (ACT)					
<i>Graduating Class of 2025 Mean Scores</i>					
	Composite	English	Math	Reading	Science
LAHS	25.1	23.9	23.4	27.8	25.2
National	19.5	18.6	19.0	20.1	19.6
New Mexico	20.0	19.3	19.4	21.3	20.4