

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

25 – 26 SCHOOL PROFILE



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School & Community

Located on the banks of the Rio Grande River and at the base of the Sandia Mountains, Albuquerque is a culturally diverse community with a population of approximately 560,000. It is home to The University of New Mexico, Central New Mexico Community College, Sandia National Laboratories, & Kirtland Airforce Base.

Highland High School opened its doors in 1949. Today, Highland is the second oldest public high school in Albuquerque. Prized for its authentic architecture, Highland is highly sought after by movie companies as a set for many movies and television series. It currently operates out of the oldest school building and occupies 33 acres. It is part of the Albuquerque Public School District, one of the largest public school districts in the nation.

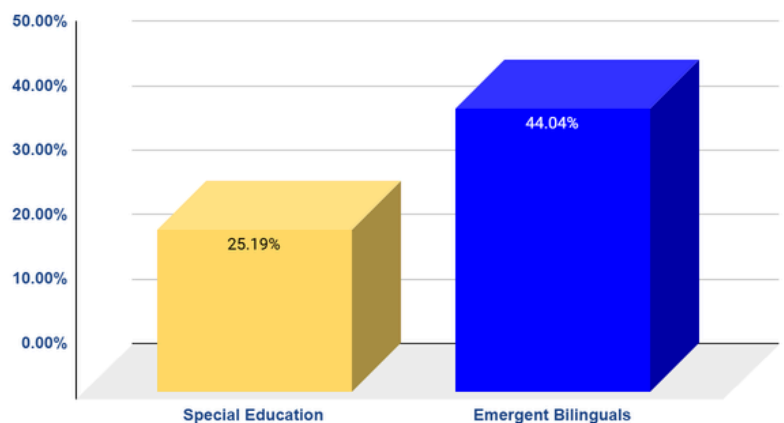
The student body of Highland High School is one of the most racially & ethnically diverse in New Mexico. On any given day, one can hear over 30 different languages and dialects spoken in our hallways.

Demographics

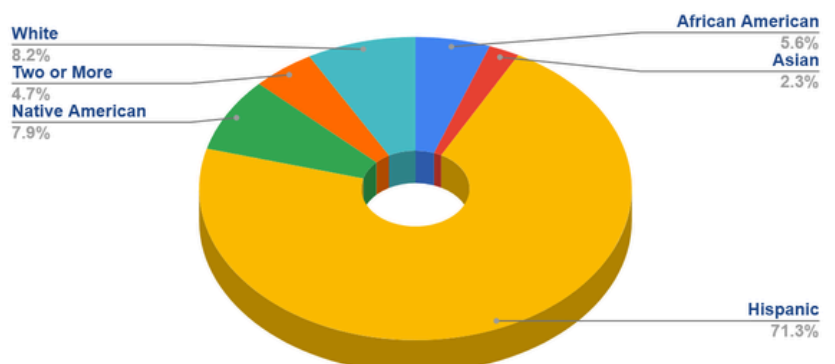
Total Enrollment: 1040
Class of 2026: 262
Teachers: 83

Highland High School is
a Title I School.
All students receive free
lunch.

Percentage of Students in Special Programs (25-26)



Race/Ethnicity (25/26)



Grading

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

Ranking

Exact class ranks are calculated at the end of every semester based on weighted GPA.

International students receive pass/fail only transfer grades per APS policy.

Graduation Requirements:

- English: 4 credits
Mathematics: 4 credits
Science: 3 credits
Social Studies: 3.5 credits
Health: .5 credit
Physical Education: 1 credit
Career/Workplace Readiness or
Language: 1 credit
Electives: 9 credits
- A minimum of 25 credits are required for graduation
 - At least 1 credit must be an Honors/Advanced Placement, Dual Credit or Distance Education course
 - Any course designated as AP or Honors is awarded an additional .025 per semester
 - There is no limit to the number of AP or Honor classes a student may take

Academic Profile

Class of 2026

The HHS graduating class had 202 students. Approximately 31% of the graduates plan to enroll in colleges and universities; 27.9 % plan to attend a two year junior college and community college; 6.6% plan to enlist in the military; 9.6% plan to attend a trade school/apprenticeship.

Curriculum

The curriculum consists of seven courses, taken on a daily basis for a total of 254 minutes a week. Each semester consists of two 9-week quarter grading periods. Each class is worth one-half credit. Only semester grades are recorded on the transcript.

Students are required to pass a five subject (Math, Reading, Writing, Social Studies and Science) comprehensive competency examination in order to receive a standard diploma.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Courses Offered:

English Language and English Literature
Spanish Language and Spanish Literature
US History and Bilingual US History
World History
Pre-Calculus
Calculus AB/BC
Government/Economics
Psychology
Studio Art
Environmental Science
Physics

Dual Credit Course

Mexican American Studies

Additional dual credit courses can be completed at our local university and community college. Students earn both high school and college credit.

APS Bilingual District Seal and State Seal Requirement (Language other than English)

District Seal

4 Language Instruction Classes
4 Bilingual Core Content Classes
"C" grades or better
Portfolio process

State Seal

Combo of any 4 of:
Language Instruction Classes
Bilingual Core Content Classes
"C" grades or better

Athletics & Activities

Athletics

Baseball
Basketball
Cheer
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Powerlifting
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball
Wrestling

Activities

Art Club
AVID
Band
BSU
Chess Club
Chorus
Creative Writing Club
DECA
Drama Club
Drone Club
E-Sports
Empower
ENLACE
FCCLA
French Honor Society

Gamers Club

GSA

Humanists of Highland
International Student Union
Native American Union
Upward Bound
MEChA
Model UN
Money Club
National Honor Society
Spanish Honor Society
Speech & Debate
Student Senate
Yearbook
and many more...

College Acceptance

SELF-REPORTED BY 2026 GRADUATES

Central New Mexico Community College

Eastern New Mexico University

Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell

Institute of American Indian Arts

Mesalands Community College

Navajo Technical University

New Mexico Northern College

New Mexico Highlands University

New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology

New Mexico State University

Lunas Community College

Santa Fe Community College

San Juan Community College

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

Western New Mexico University

University of New Mexico

Colorado State University Pueblo

Community Christian College

Concord Career College

Cowley Community College

Delaware State University

Diné College

Fort Lewis College

Middle Georgia State University

Minnesota State
Community and Technical College

Ottawa university

Pasco-Hernando State College

Pensacola State College

St. Edwards University

University of Colorado Denver

Waldorf University