



WINGS WEEKLY

ALBUQUERQUE AVIATION ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026



★ SPOTLIGHT SCHOOL ★

Albuquerque Aviation Academy has done it again! We are proud to announce that AAA has been recognized as a Spotlight School, placing us among the top 25% of schools in the State of New Mexico! Our students achieved outstanding results on state assessments, with a 64% proficiency rate in Reading, 42% in Math, and 59% in Science. These results reflect the tremendous hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, staff, and families.

Congratulations to our entire Falcon community—we are incredibly proud of what we continue to accomplish together!

To learn more about our school's performance and see how Albuquerque Aviation Academy compares with schools across the state, visit NMVistas.org.



What a great photo captured by one of our FAA-licensed Drone Pilots, Tim Kling! This is a fantastic example of putting real-world aviation skills into action while showcasing the mission of Albuquerque Aviation Academy. We love seeing our Falcons use the knowledge and skills they've gained to highlight our school from a whole new perspective!



High School Students: Friday, October 2, 2026, marks the end of the 1st 9 weeks and is the last day to drop a High School Elective course without receiving an F. If you need to drop an elective, please submit a Course Change Request before the deadline. After October 2, dropping an elective will result in a failing grade, so plan accordingly!



**This week's progress goal is
40% by Friday.**

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Need a Little Extra Help? FREE Tutoring Is Available!

Albuquerque Aviation Academy students have several options for additional academic support. Remember, Edgenuity provides online tutoring support built directly into your courses, making it easy to get help while you work. In addition, CNM is offering FREE tutoring services to Albuquerque Aviation Academy students! Virtual tutoring is available Monday–Thursday from 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Students can also schedule online tutoring outside of regular business hours, although availability is limited. Whether you need help understanding a difficult concept, completing an assignment, or preparing for an assessment, take advantage of these FREE resources! Visit <https://www.cnm.edu/depts/the-learning-and-computer-center-tlcc/tlcc-tutoring-services> for more information about CNM tutoring services.

Important Dates to Remember:



8/24-9/25/2026 Beginning of Year Assessments
 9/17/2026 5:00 @ Bullhead - Flag Football
 9/18/2026 Panda Express Online Fundraiser
 9/22/2026 6:00 @ Phil Chacon - Flag Football
 9/23/2026 4:45 @ Bullhead - Soccer
 9/25/2026 @ 2:00 Governing Council Meeting
 9/25/2026 4:45 @ Bullhead - Soccer
 9/28/2026 4:45 @ Bullhead - Soccer
 9/29/2026 @ 5:30 Senior Meeting
 10/1/2026 5:00 @ Bullhead - Flag Football
 10/2/2026 End of the 1st 9 Weeks
 10/3/2026 Flag Football & Soccer Shoot-a-Thon
 10/3/2026 7:00-10:00 Homecoming



Have you heard about our Weekly Essential?

Each week, we highlight an important value or behavior that we're focusing on as a school community. We encourage you to talk with your student about this week's essential and how they can put it into practice!

This Week's Essential:

Always face forward when riding the bus.



CollegeBoard

PSAT/NMSQT

Mark Your Calendar:

October 8, 2026

ALL 10th graders (A & B cohorts) must report to school on Thursday, October 8 to take the PSAT. All other high school students will work remotely from home that day.

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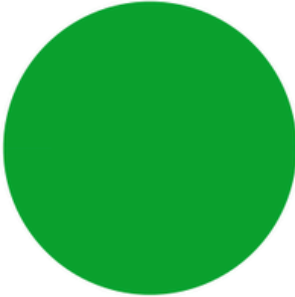
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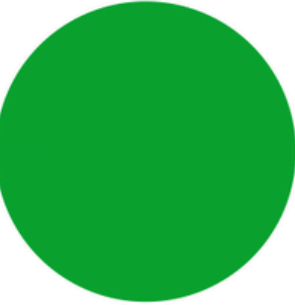


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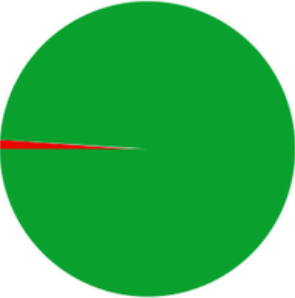
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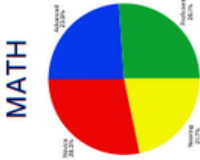
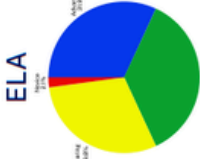
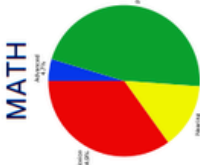
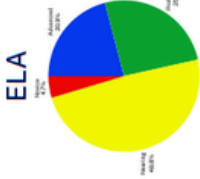
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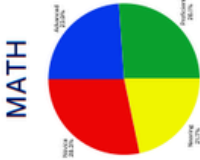
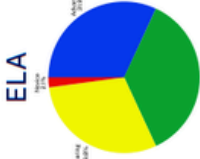
PROFICIENCY RATINGS

	2022-2023 Albuquerque Aviation Academy	2023-2024 Albuquerque Aviation Academy	2024-2025 Albuquerque Aviation Academy	2025-2026 State of New Mexico	2025-2026 Albuquerque Aviation Academy
ELA	54%	59%	63%	43%	64%
Math	35%	27%	41%	26%	42%
Science	64%	61%	63%	33%	59%

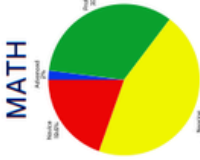
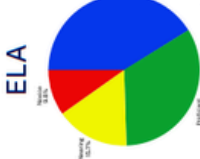
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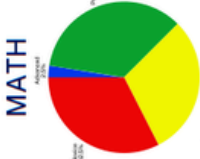
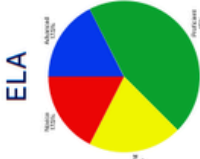
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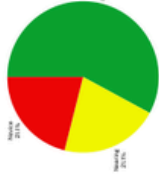
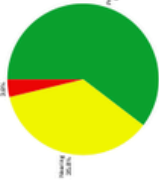
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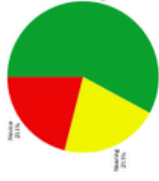
11TH GRADE



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EMERGENCY ALERT



BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

A sports physical is required to try out, most Urgent Care's offer this with no appointment required

MONDAY, 9/21 & THURSDAY, 9/24

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS



SEPARATE TEAMS



3:45-5:15

Grades 6th-8th



Parents interested in coaching please reach out to
Mr. Tarango the Athletic Director at
dtarango@abqaviation.com





Homecoming Night under the Stars

October 3rd

7:00 – 10:00 PM

Albuquerque Aviation Academy
Gymnasium

6441 Ventana Rd NW
Albuquerque Aviation Academy

High School Only
9th – 12th





Nominate

your friends or yourself for

Homecoming Court



Duke &
Duchess

★
10th Grade



Prince &
Princess

★
11th Grade



King &
Queen

★
12th Grade



Forms are available in
Mr. Pierce's classroom

Trunk or Treat

Date: October 30th

Time: 5:30- 6:30 PM

TRUNK DECORATING COMPETITION
WITH GIFT CARD BOUQUETS AS
PRIZES FOR 1ST - 3RD PLACE.



WANT TO PARTICIPATE? CONTACT MR.
TARANGO (DTARANGO@ABQAVIATION.COM)
TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR TRUNK OR TREAT
SPOT ASAP!

SPOTS ARE \$20 PER SPOT AND ALL
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#WINATSOCIAL AS A FAMILY

Real-time resources that equip your child to navigate apps and device use, from A.I. to social media, in healthy ways.

ABOUT THE SOCIAL INSTITUTE

Our school is proud to partner with The Social Institute (TSI), the leader in equipping students to navigate learning & well-being in a tech-fueled world. By reinforcing character strengths like empathy, integrity, and teamwork, our school takes a refreshing, positive approach, called #WinAtSocial, to inspire students to make healthy, positive choices. Throughout the year, students learn modern life skills, like A.I. literacy,

healthy tech habits, high-character decision-making, and more during interactive lessons with faculty.

Families can access relevant resources listed below and incorporate them into your family conversations as much or as little as you like. We hope that you will consider how these resources below could be useful

WHAT'S INSIDE THE FAMILY TOOLKIT

Platform Playbooks: Learn how your child can navigate the most popular apps and games positively. Plus, get curated, best-in-class resources and privacy settings so they stay safe.

Family Huddles: Reinforce important life skills through casual conversations. Huddles align with #WinAtSocial topics discussed in the classroom and encourage students to engage with their families.

Students can't be what they can't see. Show your child positive social media use cases that your child can follow and learn from.

Family Tech Contract: Have a productive, collaborative discussion about your family's unique tech standards.

3 STEPS TO CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT

- ✓ Visit TheSocialInstitute.com/family-toolkit
- ✓ Click on 'activate account'
- ✓ Enter our school's access code to register:

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Or scan this code with your phone to easily set up your account



"You don't have to be tech savvy for The Family Toolkit. It's the best source for simplifying social media platforms and trends so you're always ahead of the game—whether you know how to navigate a phone or not! I was able to have positive, open conversations with my daughter about emerging trends and apps."

– MOM OF FOUR



SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION EDUCATION

Talking to Your Kids About Vaping



Become educated and know the facts. There are a lot of myths about vaping, and two-thirds of teens do not even realize e-cigarettes have nicotine. Become comfortable with the information and express care and concern.



As with anything else you may speak to your children about, put yourself in their shoes. Consider their viewpoint. Youth and teens face significant peer pressure, especially through social media. Relate to them using empathy and understanding. Imagine the obstacles and pressure they may face.



Avoid lecturing, scare tactics, and using fear. Take a calm and open approach to speaking with them. Ask questions, or ask them what they know about vaping. Avoid casting judgment.



Make this conversation frequent; it should not be a one-time talk. Kids should be able to speak to you openly about what they are facing, which is accomplished by having frequent conversations.



Help your child manage stress and peer pressure. Provide them with resources that can help them manage peer pressure. Follow up with them frequently.



PARENT'S GUIDE TO VAPING

Tips for Parents



www.learnwithSUPE.org

Learn the Health Effects of Vaping

Health officials have pointed out that vaping nicotine poses serious and avoidable health risks. Exposure to it at a young age causes long-term harm to brain development.

Other health risks may include some of the following:

- Addiction because e-cigarettes contain nicotine.
- Nicotine can worsen anxiety and depression and create sleeping problems.
- E-cigarettes can lead to smoking regular tobacco cigarettes.
- Users are exposed to cancer-causing chemicals.
- It can lead to chronic bronchitis and lung damage.

Resources To Help Parents

