



LOS ALAMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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2026 - 2027 School Profile

The Los Alamos Community

Los Alamos High School 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.

Accreditation & Schools

Los Alamos High School (LAHS) is proudly accredited by Cognia and meets all requirements and standards established by the State of New Mexico.

Faculty

Los Alamos High School has a full and part-time staff of 140. We have two staff with doctoral degrees, 55 with Master's degrees, and nine National Board Certified Teachers. Of our 140 employees, 49 have been at the high school for more than five years. Sixty-eight of our teachers have taught for five years or longer.

Curriculum and Programs of Study

The Los Alamos High School curriculum is diversified, allowing students to develop an individualized rigorous four-year plan. We offer the following 24 Advanced Placement (AP) courses in Biology, Calculus AB & BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, European History, Human Geography, Music Theory, Physics, Precalculus, Psychology, Statistics, Studio Art (2-D, 3-D and Drawing), US Government & Politics, US History, World History and World Languages (French, German, Latin, and Spanish).

LAHS Honors courses are offered in Literature 10, German, Spanish, French and Latin Language & Culture, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.

Los Alamos High School, through partnerships with the University of New Mexico-Los Alamos and Northern New Mexico College, offers over 50 dual enrollment courses. This year over 120 students are enrolled in these courses.

Students also participate in NJROTC, educational work-study, automotive programs, marketing and a variety of technology courses. Work-related courses for credit include Student Assistant, Student Intern, and Peer Tutor which involve work on campus; MAPS (Mentorship, Apprenticeship, Partnership, Service), which offer credit for volunteer work in the community, and Job XP, which employs students throughout the community. Comprehensive special education programs are available at all levels including work-study and vocational training.

LAPS is one of 41 districts and charter schools to offer the New Mexico State Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy (SSBB). The SSBB on a New Mexico high school diploma certifies that the recipient is proficient in a language other than English, demonstrating the ability to express oneself and participate effectively in most social and academic situations in the language. Since 2019, 170 students have received the SSBB in German, French, Latin, and Spanish.

School Rankings/Awards

2023 AP Small District of the Year

- Top ranked Comprehensive Public High School in New Mexico, 2012-2022
- New Mexico Spotlight School
- U.S. News and Work Report Ranking and Designation:
 - National Rank #1042
 - State Rank #4
- 2027 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists: 9
- AP Honor Roll Silver Member 2023, 2024, 2025
- NM Speech and Debate School of Excellence 2022
- National Speech and Debate Association 2025-2026 Leading Chapter Award
- Top 20% National Speech and Debate Association Chapter Schools, 8 qualifiers to the National Speech and Debate Association National Tournament 2022
- First place and top prize winner of \$250,000 in the 2020 Regeneron Science Talent Search
- Students named as semi-finalists in the Regeneron Science Talent Search 2016, 2021, 2022
- Chess State Champions 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022
- NM State Precision Rifle Champions 5A 2021; 2nd place 2023
- Boys & Girls Golf State Champions 2019
- Boys Swim & Dive State Champions 2020, 2021, 2022; Boys 3rd place 2025
- Girls Cross Country Champions 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022; 2nd place 2024
- Boys Cross Country Champions 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023; 2nd place 2024
- Boys and Girls Track Champions 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Esports Team State Champions 2022
- NJROTC State Champions 2024, 2025, 2026
 - 4A Drill Champions
 - 4A Color Guard Champions
 - 4A Fitness Champions
 - 4A Precision Marksmanship, 2nd Place
- NJROTC Distinguished Unit 2023-2026
- NJROTC 3rd Place Navy Regionals Drill Competition 2025, 2026
- Topper Marching Band State Champions 2025
- Choir State Champions 2026

Extracurricular Activities

Los Alamos High School offers a wide range of extracurricular activities for the student body, including 50+ different clubs. Clubs and organizations are available in academics, school spirit, service, publications, performing arts, and special interests. Competitive sports for women and men include: basketball, baseball, eSports, football, soccer, cross-country, swimming and diving, golf, volleyball, softball, wrestling, tennis, cheerleading, and track-and-field. Over 70% of all students are involved in at least one club or sport.

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
Total Credits	24.0

Enrollment	
Class of 2027	277
Class of 2028	281
Class of 2029	266
Class of 2030	254
Total Number of Students	1,078

High School Grading Procedures			
Grade	Points	AP Points	Percentage
A	4	5	90 - 100
B	3	4	80 - 89
C	2	3	70 - 79
D	1	1	60 - 69
F	0	0	0 - 59

Cumulative GPA		
Graduating Class of 2026		
Los Alamos High School does not rank students		
Simple	Weighted	GPA
17	59	4.0 +
104	71	3.5-3.99
80	72	3.0-3.48
37	37	2.5-2.99
21	20	2.0-2.49
9	9	Less than 2.0

Bilingual Seal Recipients					
Class Year	French	German	Latin	Spanish	Total
2023	14	8	7	6	35
2024	8	5	1	11	25
2025	6	4	1	18	29
2026	9	6	3	9	27

Scholars			
National Merit Scholars			
Class Year	Semifinalists	Finalists	Commended
2023	18	16	5
2024	11	10	0
2025	6	6	1
2026	10	10	-
2027	9	-	-

Presidential Scholars			
Class Year	Candidates	Semifinalists	Scholars
2023	18	2	1
2024	9	1	0
2025	8	1	1
2026	8	2	0

Test Scores			
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)			
Class of 2027 Mean Scores			
	ERW	Math	Composite
LAHS	555	523	1078
National	490	469	959
New Mexico	448	415	863
Graduating Class of 2026 Mean Scores			
LAHS	541	492	1035
National	494	470	963
New Mexico	451	416	867
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)					
Graduating Class of 2026 Mean Scores					
	Composite	English	Math	Reading	Science
LAHS	26.2	25.7	25.9	26.8	27.4
National	19.4	18.4	18.9	20.0	19.6
New Mexico	20.0	18.0	22.0	22.0	23.0

Advanced Placement (AP)	
727 exams taken in 2026 by 365 students (30% of student body)	
88% of the AP exams resulted in a score of 3 or higher	
Class of 2026	Average Score
AP Scholars	48 3.46
AP Scholars with Honors	27 4.20
AP Scholars with Distinction	70 4.30