Native Education State Profiles
New Mexico

Report Summary

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides tribes and states an important opportunity to advance tribal sovereignty and create positive and inclusive learning environments for Native students. Schools and Native communities must collaborate to ensure students are college, career, and community ready. As the only national organization advocating for improved educational opportunities for Native students, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) supports and builds partnerships between Native and allied stakeholders that provide opportunities for Native students to thrive in the classroom and beyond. This state profile is available to NIEA membership, tribal leadership, educators, and allies to provide important information and highlight available resources that may be of assistance in advocacy work.

State Leadership

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<td>Susana Martinez</td>
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<td>Christopher Ruszowski</td>
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<td>Latifah Phillips</td>
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Appoints the Secretary of Education.
The Secretary of Education is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate.
The Assistant Secretary for Indian Education is appointed by the Secretary of Education.

District Snapshot

Number of School Districts: 89

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<td>Number of Students</td>
<td>754</td>
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Student Enrollment

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<td>44,825</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>350,652</td>
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Federally Recognized Tribes

- Jicarilla Apache Nation
- Mescalero Apache Tribe
- Navajo Nation
- Ohkay Owingeh
- Pueblo of Acoma
- Pueblo of Cochiti
- Pueblo of Isleta
- Pueblo of Jemez
- Pueblo of Laguna
- Pueblo of Nambe
- Pueblo of Picuris
- Pueblo of Pojoaque
- Pueblo of San Felipe
- Pueblo of San Ildefonso
- Pueblo of Santa Ana
- Pueblo of Sandia
- Pueblo of Santa Clara
- Pueblo of Taos
- Pueblo of Tesuque
- Pueblo of Zia
- Santo Domingo Pueblo
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
State Native Education Legislation

1975
Legislators create the Indian Education Division at the NM Department of Education through House Bill 8.

1988
The NM Indian Education Act establishes and provides funding for the Assistant Secretary of Indian Education.

2002
State legislators establish a special certification process for teachers of Native language and culture.

2004
New Mexico integrates Native languages into the Bilingual Education Act, providing resources to Native students.

2016
New Mexico begins to develop a state plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act within the state.

Equal Opportunities

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New Mexico Student Profile

Young Children
31% of the American Indian and Alaska Native population is under the age of 18.
9% of American Indian children in New Mexico are between the ages of 0-5.

Higher Education
6% of American Indians in New Mexico have a Bachelor’s degree or higher.

Community
3 Tribal Colleges serve over 3,136 students in New Mexico.
7 School-based health centers serve primarily American Indian students and communities.
21% of school districts with Native students engaged in consultation with local tribal leaders.

NAEP% Proficiency or Higher

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Sources

a Digest of Education Statistics, National Center for Education Statistics, 2014
c NCAI Southwest Regional Profile, NCAI Research Center.
g Rural Education in America, Nation Center for Education Statistics, 2014.
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Engage

Language Immersion Programs

Ndé Bizaa’: Mescalero Apache Tribe Language Program
Mescalero, NM
mescaleroapachetribe.com/nde-bizaa/

ESSA Working Groups

Find out more about how New Mexico is fulfilling ESSA requirements through its work on accountability, assessment, teacher quality, English learners, and school improvement.

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