

HOME SCHOOLING IN NEW MEXICO

The right of parents to home school their children was first recognized by the State of New Mexico in 1985, by amendments to Chapter 22 of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA), 1978. New Mexico statute defines home school as

the operation by the parent of a school-age person of a home study program of instruction that provides a basic academic educational program, including reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies and science.

While New Mexico law defines home schooling as including instruction in at least these five core subjects, it leaves home school operators free to tailor curricula to suit the needs of each child.

NMSA 22-1-2.1 requires first, that any person operating or intending to operate a home school to notify the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) of their intent within thirty days of the establishment of the home school, and second, on or before August 1 of each subsequent year of operation of the home school. Third, they must maintain records of student immunizations or a waiver of that requirement. Finally, the person providing instruction must possess at least a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Home school operators are encouraged to maintain thorough and accurate records of their notifications of enrollment, student attendance, and school materials, as well as to keep portfolios of student work. These records will aid students if they should later transfer to another type of school or if they should opt to pursue post-secondary education or training.

NMPED's Options for Parents and Families Division launched its online Home School System (HSS) in the 2019-2020 school year, giving families a simple way to notify the state each year, as well as the ability to easily access their notification and enrollment records. The HSS provides NMPED a more accurate understanding of the number and general location of families who choose the home schooling option for their children. NMPED's data collection is reflected in the graphs and charts on the following pages.

For more information about home schooling in New Mexico, please visit the NMPED [Home Schooling](#) page and the [Home Schooling Frequently Asked Questions](#).

HOME SCHOOLING DATA

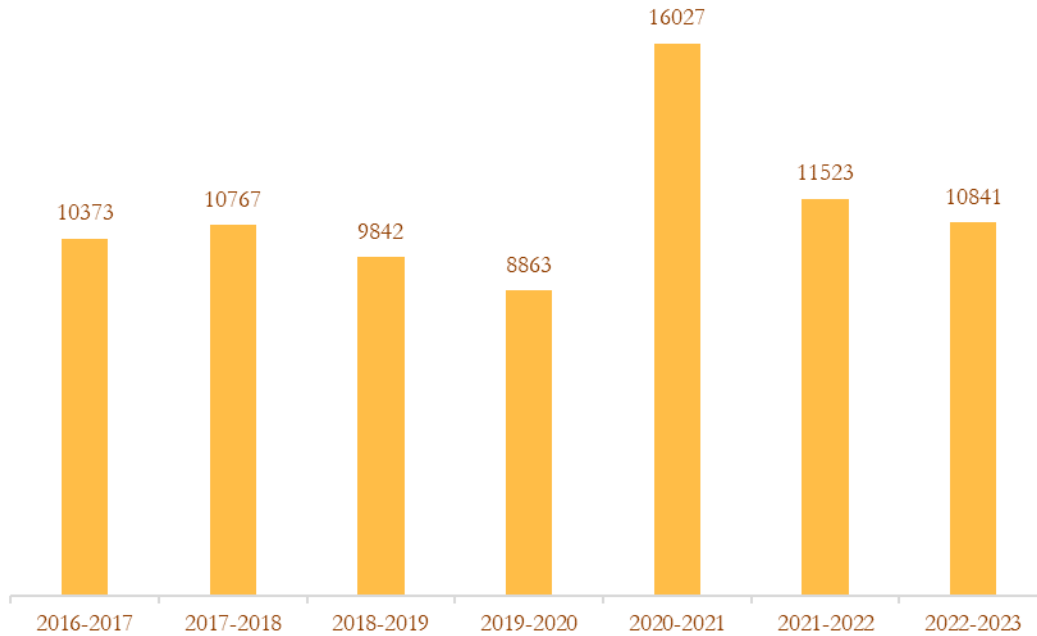
NM Home School Students by District

2022-2023

District	Students	District	Students	District	Students
Alamogordo P.S.	477	Floyd M.S.	masked	Mountainair P.S.	13
Albuquerque P.S.	2661	Fort Sumner M.S.	11	Pecos I.S.	13
Animas P.S.	16	Gadsden I.S.	129	Peñasco I.S.	23
Artesia P.S.	145	Gallup-McKinley Cnty.S.	114	Pojoaque Valley P.S.	29
Aztec M.S.	188	Grady M.S.	masked	Portales M.S.	87
Belen C.S.	192	Grants-Cibola Cnty.S.	87	Quemado I.S.	58
Bernalillo P.S.	233	Hagerman M.S.	25	Questa I.S.	23
Bloomfield	111	Hatch Valley P.S.	27	Raton P.S.	52
Capitan M.S.	58	Hobbs M.S.	246	Reserve I.S.	23
Carlsbad M.S.	253	Hondo Valley P.S.	masked	Rio Rancho P.S.	855
Carrizozo M.S.	masked	House M.S.	masked	Roswell I.S.	386
Central C.S.	98	Jal P.S.	20	Roy M.S.	masked
Chama Valley	masked	Jemez Mountain P.S.	13	Ruidoso M.S.	120
Cimarron P.S.	26	Jemez Valley P.S.	15	San Jon M.S.	masked
Clayton M.S.	22	Lake Arthur M.S.	masked	Santa Fe P.S.	277
Cloudcroft M.S.	91	Las Cruces P.S.	740	Santa Rosa C.S.	26
Clovis M.S.	357	Las Vegas City P.S.	83	Silver C.S.	84
Cobre C.S.	38	Logan M.S.	masked	Socorro C.S.	57
Corona P.S.	masked	Lordsburg M.S.	22	Springer M.S.	masked
Cuba I.S.	17	Los Alamos P.S.	175	Taos M.S.	130
Deming P.S.	129	Los Lunas P.S.	404	Tatum M.S.	10
Des Moines M.S.	17	Loving M.S.	11	Texico M.S.	17
Dexter C.S.	23	Lovington P.S.	72	Truth or Consequences M.S.	67
Dora C.S.	masked	Magdalena M.S.	masked	Tucumcari P.S.	25
Dulce I.S.	19	Maxwell M.S.	masked	Tularosa M.S.	52
Elida M.S.	masked	Melrose P.S.	masked	Vaughn M.S.	masked
Espanola P.S.	111	Mesa Vista C.S.	masked	Wagon Mound P.S.	masked
Estancia M.S.	33	Mora I.S.	25	West Las Vegas P.S.	40
Eunice P.S.	19	Moriarty M.S.	327	Zuni P.S.	masked
Farmington M.S.	370	Mosquero M.S.	18		

Total Number of Home School Students Per Year

2016-2017 to 2022-2023



Percent Change Per Year

2016-2017 → 2017-2018	plus 3.8%
2017-2018 → 2018-2019	minus 8.6%
2018-2019 → 2019-2020	minus 9.9%
2019-2020 → 2020-2021	plus 80%
2020-2021 → 2021-2022	minus 28%
2021-2022 → 2022-2023	minus 5.9%

Districts with the Most Home Education Students 2022-2023

District	Number
Albuquerque Public Schools	2661
Rio Rancho Public Schools	855
Las Cruces Public Schools	740
Alamogordo Public Schools	477
Los Lunas Public Schools	404

Number of Home School Households in New Mexico by School Year

where a “household” is a group of people living at the same address

