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Charter Schools Division 2022-23 Annual Report March 1, 2024

School Name: Las Montañas Charter High School

School Address: 1405 S. Solano Drive Las Cruces, NM 88001

Head Administrator: Caz Martinez

Governing Board Chair: Patricia Gonzales

Business Manager: Priscilla Cabral

Authorized Grade Levels: 9-12

Grade Levels Served: 9-12

Authorized Enrollment Cap: 325

2022-23 End of Year Enrollment: 157

Contract Term: 2020-2025 (financial CAP)

Waivers: Evaluation Standards for School Personnel

Mission:

The mission of Las Montañas Charter High School is to develop the academic potential and personal character of each student by engaging and valuing the student, family and community partnership. Students will work to prepare for and meet the challenges of a post-secondary or workforce environment for a globally diverse society.

Educational Program:

Las Montañas Charter High School (LMCHS) was awarded the unique opportunity to be a part of New Mexico's first High School Redesign Network (HSRN) and work in close collaboration with NMPED (Priority School's Bureau), John's Hopkins University, Stanford University, and seven (7) other high schools across the state of New Mexico as collaborative thought partners. The NMPED approved HSRN Blueprint describes an innovative and distinctive education program that won't be found anywhere in the Las Cruces or surrounding communities.

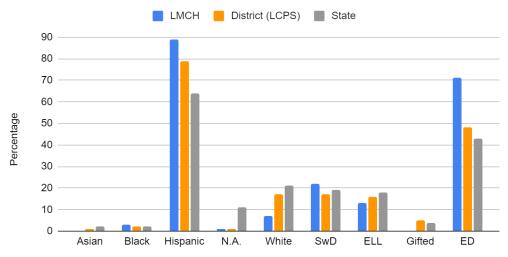
Las Montañas has adopted the model of 8 term classes per year with "flavors" that offer students a choice in their education while connecting curriculum to New Mexico Common Core State Standards (NMCCSS) and real-world examples.

The NMPED approved HSRN Blueprint addresses 4 main drivers:

- 1. Teaching and Learning: In addition to ensuring teaching and learning are aligned with standards that promote access to post-secondary education or training, what practices will accelerate the academic growth of students who enter with lower levels of pre-High School preparation and motivation?
 - a. Building strong relationships between teacher and student
 - b. Student centered learning
 - c. Making connections between classroom learning and real-world connections
 - d. Using the "flavors" to demonstrate mastery of standards
- 2. Students at the Center: What specific approaches will be put in place to build relationships between students and adults, while cultivating a school culture of agency, optimism, and achievement?
 - a. Student Learning Community (SLC) addressing essential skills, progress monitoring, and career skills
 - b. Early Warnings System (EWS)
- 3. Organizing Adults: How will we enhance the collective efficacy of the adults in the building?
 - a. Have common PLC time daily
 - b. Teacher/student mentor time
- 4. Post-Secondary Pathways: What approaches to post-secondary success are most relevant to local students and community, as well as supportive to regional economic development?
 - a. Career/college pathway for all students

Demographics as reported in STARS 2022-23 End of Year (EOY)





Source: STARS Enrollment Subgroup Percentages with Averages

Academic Performance

Academic Performance Framework Indicators	2022-23 Score (100 points possible)
1: State Accountability System: NMVistas Overall Score	36
2: Subgroup performance: high, middle, and low-performing quartiles	unavailable
3: School-specific Goals: if two goals, average of points on each	75
Overall Academic Score: average of indicators 1 and 3	55.5

State Accountability System:

State and federal statute mandates accountability for all public schools. This section provides a snapshot of the school's academic performance according to data collected by the Public Education Department (PED) for the 2022-23 school year.

The New Mexico State Accountability System (<u>NMVISTAS</u>) gives every public school in the state an overall score. For 2022-23, NMVistas scored schools according to the following designations:

- School of Excellence: Schools performing in the top 10% of all schools on the NMVistas school index.
- Spotlight School: Schools performing in the next 15% of all schools on the NMVistas school index.
- Traditional School: Schools performing below the top 25% of schools and not designated for additional supports per the following designations.

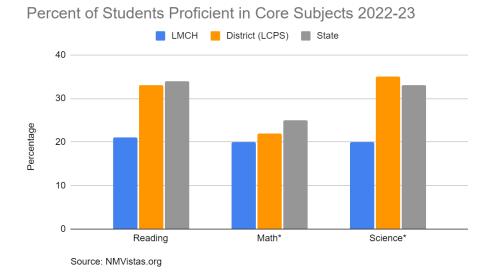
- Targeted Support and Improvement School (TSI): Schools serving a student group that falls below the cutoff for CSI schools (described below).
- Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI): TSI schools serving a student group that is performing in the lowest 5% of all schools.
- Comprehensive Support School (CSI): Title I schools that are:
 - performing in the lowest 5% of Title I schools in New Mexico as identified by the school index score;
 - o have an average four-year graduation rate less than or equal to 66.67% over the past three years;
 - o a Title I school that was previously identified as ATSI due to low performing subgroups that has not demonstrated sufficient improvement in those subgroups over 3 years; or
 - o the department may identify additional schools as CSI schools as deemed necessary.
- More Rigorous Intervention (MRI): Schools not exiting CSI status after 3 years receiving support.

Details and criteria for each type of designation are provided on the **NMVISTAS** web page.

For the school year 2022-23, Las Montañas Charter High School received a designation of Comprehensive Support School (CSI).

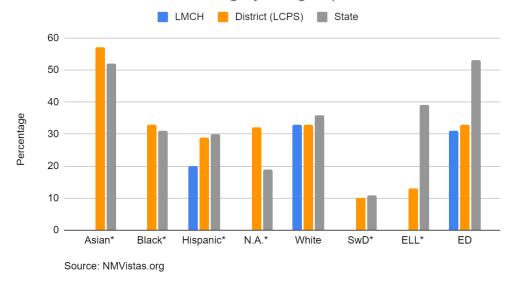
Proficiency

Because science is assessed only in grades 5, 8, and 11, schools that do not serve these grades do not have science proficiency data.



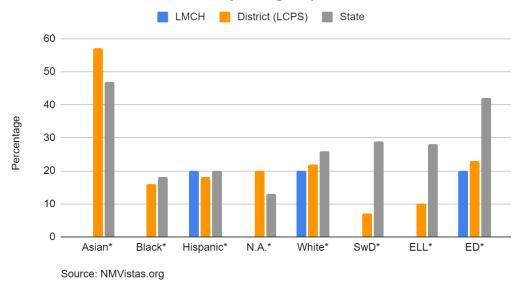
^{*}Note: math and science proficiencies masked for school on Vistas: ≤20%.

Percent Proficient in Reading by Subgroup 2022-23



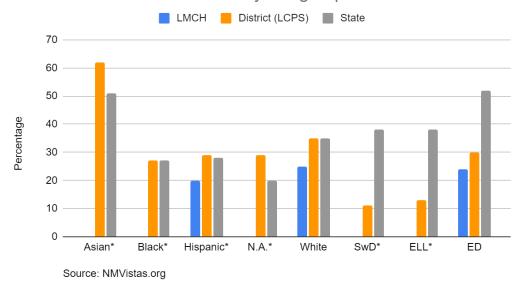
*Note: groups are masked due to population size, and/or some groups are not represented in the school. Hispanic population also masked, ≤20% in reading.

Percent Proficient in Math by Subgroup 2022-23



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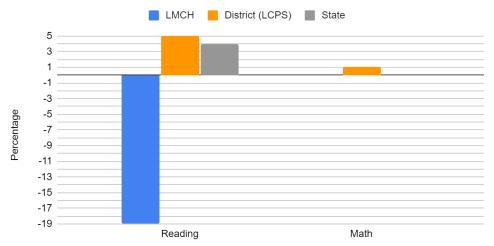
Percent Proficient in Science by Subgroup 2022-23



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Improvement (Growth)

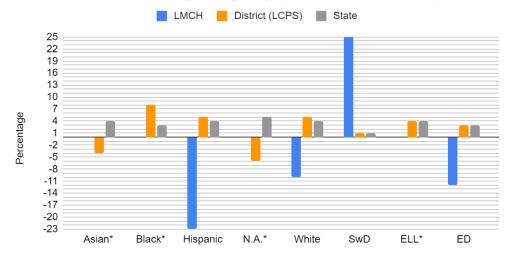
Percent Growth for All Students (2021-22 to 2022-23)



Source: Assessment, Research, Evaluation, and Accountability Bureau of PED

*Note: Math growth was 0% for the state and school for SY2023.

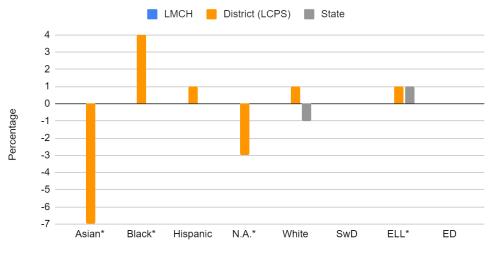
ELA Percent Growth by Subgroup (2021-22 to 2022-23)



Source: Assessment, Research, Evaluation, and Accountability Bureau of PED

*Note: groups are masked due to population size.

Math Percent Growth by Subgroup (2021-22 to 2022-23)



Source: Assessment, Research, Evaluation, and Accountability Bureau of PED

English Learner Progress (NMVistas): ≤ 20%

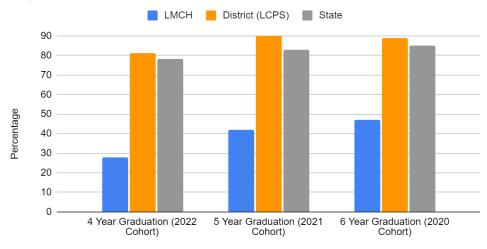
High School Graduation

Data refer to prior year cohorts, with the most recent 4-year graduation data available for the 2022 graduation cohort, 5-year data for the 2021 cohort, and 6-year data for the 2020 cohort. The 4-year,

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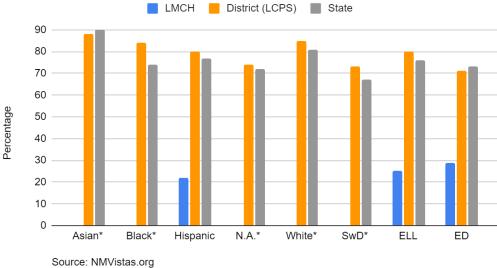
5-year, and 6-year graduation rates for these years are provided with comparative data for the state and district. The 4-year rate is then disaggregated by ethnicity and student group.

High School Graduation



Source: NMVistas.org

4-Year Graduation by Subgroup



*Note: groups are masked due to population size.

Mission-Specific Goals

Goal 1:

Performance Level	Target	Points
Exceeds Standard	85% or more of 9th-11th grade students who are enrolled on both the 40th and 120th day will achieve a minimum of 75 points on the SLC program rubric by the end of the school year.	100
Meets Standard	75%-84% of 9th-11th grade students who are enrolled on both the 40th and 120th day will achieve a minimum of 75 points on the SLC program rubric by the end of the school year.	75
Does Not Meet Standard	60%-74% of 9th-11th grade students who are enrolled on both the 40th and 120th day will achieve a minimum of 75 points on the SLC program rubric by the end of the school year.	25
Falls Far Below Standard	Less than 60% of 9th-11th grade students who are enrolled on both the 40th and 120th day will achieve a minimum of 75 points on the SLC program rubric by the end of the school year.	0

Rating: Meets- 75.8 % attainment- 75pts.

Goal 2:

Performance Level	Target	Points
Exceeds Standard	85% or more of seniors who are enrolled on both the 40th and 120th day of their senior year will achieve a minimum of 85 points on the senior advisory program rubric by the end of the school year.	100
Meets Standard	75%-84% of seniors who are enrolled on both the 40th and 120th day of their senior year will achieve a minimum of 85 points on the senior advisory program rubric by the end of the school year.	75
Does Not Meet Standard	60-74% of seniors who are enrolled on both the 40th and 120th day of their senior year will achieve a minimum of 85 points on the senior advisory program rubric by the end of the school year.	25
Falls Far Below Standard	Less than 60% of seniors who are enrolled on both the 40th and 120th day of their senior year will achieve a minimum of 85 points on the senior advisory program rubric by the end of the school year.	0

Rating: Meets- 78.9 % attainment- 75pts.

Organizational and Financial Performance Framework

2022-23 Overall Rating: Does Not Meet Standard

Pursuant to the <u>PEC Performance Framework and Accountability System</u>, schools receive ratings of **Meets Standard**, **Working to Meet Standard**, or **Does Not Meet Standard** for individual indicators in the framework. Explanations for any rating other that Meets Standard are provided below.

The school also receives an overall rating of either **Meets Standard** or **Does Not Meet Standard** for the year. If a school receives a **Does Not Meet Standard** rating for three or more indicators, it will receive an overall rating of **Does Not Meet Standard**.

If a school receives a **Does Not Meet Standard** rating, on any indicator, the CSD and PEC may conduct a closer review the following year on that indicator, and/or the PEC may require the school to submit a corrective action plan in order to specify actions and a timeline to correct the performance deficiency.

A school may receive a **Working to Meet Standard** rating on multiple indicators and still receive an overall rating of **Meets Standard**. If a school receives this rating across multiple years, the CSD and PEC may conduct a closer review the following year on that indicator, and the school will need to address the issue in its renewal application at the end of its charter term.

Las Montañas Charter High School	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Organizational and Financial Performance			
1a Mission and Educational Program	Meets Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
1b State Assessment Requirements	Not Reviewed	Does Not Meet Standard	Does Not Meet Standard
1c Rights of Students with Disabilities	Meets Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
1d Rights of English Learners	Working to Meet Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
1e Meeting Program Requirements	Assurances	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
1f NM DASH Plan	N/A	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
2a Financial Reporting and Compliance	Working to Meet Standard	Meets Standard	Does Not Meet Standard
2b Accounting Principles	Does Not Meet Standard	Does Not Meet Standard	Does Not Meet Standard
2c Responsive to Audit Findings	Meets Standard	Working to Meet Standard	Does Not Meet Standard
2d Managing Grant Funds	Meets Standard	Working to Meet Standard	Does Not Meet Standard
2e Staffing for Fiscal Management	Meets Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
2f Internal Controls	Working to Meet Standard	Meets Standard	Working to Meet Standard
3a Governance Requirements	Meets Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
3b Nepotism, Conflict of Interest	Assurances	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
3c Reporting Requirements	Assurances	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
4a Rights of All Students	Assurances	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
4b Attendance and Retention	Working to Meet Standard	Meets Standard	Working to Meet Standard
4c Staff Credentialing	Working to Meet Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
4d Employee Rights	Assurances	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
4e Background Checks, Ethics	Assurances	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
5a Facilities	Assurances	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
5b Transportation	Assurances	N/A	N/A
5c Health and Safety	Assurances	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
5d Handling Information	Assurances	Meets Standard	Meets Standard

Explanation of 2022-23 Indicator Ratings

- 1.b. Assessment participation 65% for ELA and Math, 67% for Science (target 95% for all subject areas).
- 2.a. Q1 late with correction needed, Q3 late over two months, Q4 late over a month.
- 2.b. FY22 Audit reflects four (4) disclaimer opinion audit findings of which two (2) are material weakness.
- 2.c. FY22 Audit reflects two (2) repeat audit findings; 2022-003 & 2022-004 from 2021 audit.

- 2.d. 68.87% of CY% remaining in SY22-23, grant funds Carl D. Perkins, Family Income Index, and Career Technical Education Program left >50% in reverting grant funds.
- 2.f. FY22 Audit finding 2022-002 late filing of RHC made in Sept.
- 4.b. EOY: 89% Attendance; attendance rate must be 95%.

Site Visit Attendees

Tuesday, January 23, 2023

CSD Team: Lucy Valenzuela (Lead), Corina Chavez, Kyle Wood, and Kimberly Gonzales (Kyle was remote)

School Leadership: Caz Martinez, Head Administrator **Governing Board:** Michael Davis and Patricia Gonzales

Financial Corrective Action Plan Status

Condition: LMCH received a disclaimer opinion in their 2022 audit with (4) four audit findings of which (2) two were repeat findings and (2) two were material weaknesses. A financial corrective action plan (CAP) was implemented during the school year 2022-2023 with meetings throughout the school year with the school's business manager and head administrator and the CSD data and financial analyst to ensure that questions were addressed and resources were provided to assist in remediation.

Analysis: Throughout the school year 2022-23 LMCH worked with our auditors at Clifton Larson and Associates (CLA) and used a template created by CLA to track their GASB 87 transactions which addressed audit finding (2022-001) as well as implement internal controls for compliance with GASB 87. The business manager also worked with the consultant and NMPSIA to develop internal controls to ensure compliance for proper processing of payroll deductions (2022-002). LMCH hired BB Consulting Services to assist with reconciliation of their general ledger to address audit finding for budgetary compliance and misstatements of the school's financial statements which required reconciliation of the trial balance within the schools financial system Visions (2022-003 & 004). The governing board assisted by passing a resolution which allows the processing of budget within the same fund and function series within the school year as a blanket approval resolution for maintenance and transfer of BARS for timely processing of BARS.

The financial CAP documentation is attached.

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Finding:2022-001 GASB-87 Implementation (Material Weakness)											
Condition/Context: During of our review of the implementation of GA											
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Criteria: We recommend management establish sufficient and effecti	ve internal contro	l procedures over	GASB-87.								
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Role 2: School Business Office (SBO)											
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Finding: 2022-002											
Condition/Context: During our review of the school's monthly filings j Criteria: RHC requires the monthly contributions to be submitted with				ted the July 2022	RHC filing and rela	nted payment wo	is made on Septe	mber 1, 2022.			
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Role 2: SBO											
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Condition/Context: During our testing over financial close and reporting, we identified the following:

- Fund balance roll forward prepared by the School included an initial difference of \$571k, which was not resolved with the identified cash-accrual adjustments. The Fund balance rollforward was not completed accurately and adjustments of \$85,830 were proposed to correct.
- The June 2022 bank reconciliation listed invalid outstanding items related to ACH's that were not processed prior to year-end. This resulted in adjustments of approximately \$51,876 to cash and accrued payroll.
- The trial balance included unusual and unsupported balances for accounts receivable and accounts payable, this resulted in adjustments totaling \$12,123 to correct.
- The capital asset rollforward was not prepared accurately or completely as beginning balances did not agree to the prior year ending balances. Supply assets of approximately \$40k were identified by the school as additions but all of the purchases were below the capitalization threshold of \$5,000.

Management's Progress for Repeat Findings: Management failed to implement adequate controls to resolve the finding and will work toward corrective action during FY2023.

Criteria: Every school district shall establish and maintain an internal control structure to provide management with reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of their financial statements in accordance with GAAP. NMPED PSAB Supplement 4, State and Federal Grants states that those districts and charter schools receiving federal or state grants that are awarded by NMPED must have a proper financial management system (FMS) in place in order to receive and expend funds in accordance with certain mandated standards, which includes cash management procedures to minimize the time elapsing between expenditure of funds and requests for reimbursements.

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Cause: Lack of thorough understanding of the accounting system as it relates to the period close out. Lack of adequate controls over financial close and reporting. Lack of understanding of how to prepare certain audit requests and related compliance requirements. Many the issues have stemmed year over year and management has not taken steps to correct. Overall lack of effective internal controls surrounding the year-end financial close and reporting process.		ements of the sch	ool's financial sta	tements	Person (s) responsible:	Administration SRO				



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Dear Ms. Martinez and Ms. Gonzales:

Thank you for all of your hard work to support children in New Mexico. As you know, the Charter School Division (CSD) has completed its annual report for SY 2022-2023 for your school and presented this report along with your responses to the Public Education Commission (PEC) at its March 2024 meeting.

As outlined in New Mexico rule NMAC 6.2.9.12 and 13⁷, the PEC has accepted this annual report. Further, as set out in the rule, the PEC asked me to provide you with notice that the PEC has issued an overall annual report notice of unsatisfactory performance. We hope that you are working now to improve this performance.

The PEC has identified several areas of unsatisfactory performance related to

- the Vistas designation of CSI,
- the negative growth in graduation rate,
- negative growth on pages 6-7 of the annual report, and
- 1.b. State Assessment Requirement; and 2.a 2.d regarding financial and audit concerns on page 10 of the annual report.

⁷ https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title06/06.002.0009.html

The unsatisfactory performance should be corrected by the next annual report. With regard to the negative growth identified in the annual report, you can show that growth using any reliable tool you wish prior to the next annual report. You do not have to rely on the State accountability system or its methodology for identifying growth.

You will work with your staff and board and report your progress to the CSD through the annual site visit and report process to show your progress. If you are successful in improving the performance, CSD will report that in the next annual report, and the concerns will be identified as corrected. If you are not successful (which we hope will not be the case), the school may receive a notice of uncorrected unsatisfactory performance next year which could impact the ultimate renewal of the school.

The contract and all annual reports for the school are located here: https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/charter-school-contracts/ The SY 2022-2023 annual report and this letter will be made a part of the record of performance of the school. Please feel free to reach out to CSD or me with any questions. On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

|s| Patricia Gipson

Chair, Public Education Commission District 7