



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
300 DON GASPAR
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501-2786
Telephone (505) 827-5800
www.ped.state.nm.us

ARSENIO ROMERO, Ph.D.
SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

**Charter Schools Division
2022-23 Annual Report
REVISED: June 14, 2024**

School Name: Amy Biehl Charter High School

School Address: 123 4th Street SW Albuquerque, NM 87102

Head Administrator: Stephanie Becker

Governing Board Chair: Rachel Berenson

Business Manager: Mary Hagemann

Authorized Grade Levels: 9-12

Grade Levels Served: 9-12

Authorized Enrollment Cap: 325

2022-23 End of Year Enrollment: 206

Contract Term: 2020-2025

Waivers: None

Mission:

Amy Biehl High School was founded in the spirit of Amy Biehl, a young scholar dedicated to social justice and service. We graduate diverse learners and leaders who demonstrate intellectual, social, and ethical habits to improve their communities. Our graduates are civic-minded, college bound and career-ready.

Educational Program:

Our academic program targets our mission, specifically college readiness and civic mindedness. With this focus, we intentionally cultivate a school culture that is committed to social justice and civic responsibility.

i. **Exhibitions:** Amy Biehl High School graduates will have completed at least four public Performance Assessments. Public exhibitions are a fundamental part of our program throughout a student's four years. Community members can expect that students will participate in at least 1 public exhibition each year. Exhibitions provide avenues for students to marry their content understanding with the skills necessary for post-secondary success, including but not limited to: public speaking, research skills, critical analysis of resources, synthesis of content knowledge and project management skills.

ii. **Assessment that drives instruction:** Because of our inclusive model of instruction, it is necessary to closely monitor student growth in their path to college. We administer short cycle assessments that allow teacher teams to gauge college and career readiness and adjust instruction accordingly. Community members can expect that students will be able to track their growth in performance on college readiness assessments such as the ACT and the Accuplacer.

iii. **Graduation Credit Requirements:** Amy Biehl High School credits fall into two categories: state graduation requirements and mission specific graduation requirements

- a. State Graduation Requirements
- b. Mission Specific Graduation Requirements
 - i. Social Justice Curriculum (Holocaust and Human Behavior) 0.5
 - ii. Advisory 2.0
 - iii. Service Learning/Senior Project 1.5
 - iv. Passage (post-secondary, college application, scholarship and financial aid advisement) 1.0
 - v. Dual Enrollment (unless noted otherwise on an IEP) 2.0
 - vi. Compass (Civic Engagement and Senior Project Preparation) 0.5
 - vii. Additional Elective 1.0

vi. **Advisory support:** Community members can expect that every student in the building has a person (advisor) that serves as advocate, academic progress monitor, liaison between families and the school, and academic coach.

v. **Dual Credit:** Amy Biehl High School graduates will have completed 2 dual credit classes with a C- or better, or 1 dual credit class and 1 career readiness course with a C- or better. Community members can expect curriculum and assessment programs that are aligned with college readiness, intentional support and academic monitoring of student achievement, and individualized college and work readiness advisement and support.

vi. **Civic Engagement:** Amy Biehl High School graduates will have completed a minimum of 100 hours of community engagement as measured by participation in the first semester freshmen community engagement experience, two (2) quarterly advisory service projects for sophomores and juniors, and/or

senior service projects. Community members can expect service learning and civic engagement opportunities beginning the first quarter of freshmen year. Students will experience service in a variety of settings in which they gain skills that are transferable to post-secondary settings. In the junior year, students will experience interpersonal explorations which help them design their individual self-directed service project that is supported both by school personnel and community mentors.

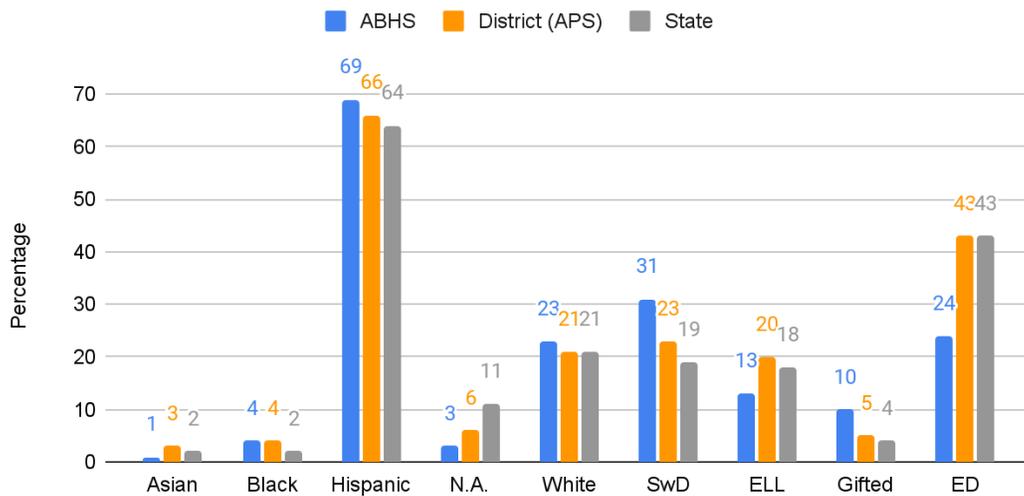
vii. **Personalized Teacher Professional Development:** Our Teachers experience personalized professional development by receiving a professional development plan and classroom observations followed by targeted, evidence based feedback. We support teachers in utilizing student feedback as part of their growth plan.

viii. **Collaborative Professional Development:** During this time teachers analyze student performance data, collaborate in curriculum planning, receive training for differentiation, civic engagement and college readiness and plan content specific and school wide events. This time is crucial in developing a rigorous curriculum that supports students in being college and community ready.

ix. **Content Teams:** Teachers that share the same content meet regularly to plan, refine and coordinate school wide public exhibitions of student learning.

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

Enrollment by Subgroup EOY 2022-23



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	70.5
2: Subgroup performance: high, middle, and low-performing quartiles	unavailable
3: School-specific Goals: if two goals, average of points on each	100
Overall Academic Score: average of indicators 1 and 3	85.25

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 school years 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 (when available).

The New Mexico State Accountability System ([NM Vistas](#)) gives every public school in the state an overall score. NM Vistas scored schools according to the following designations:

<p>Spotlight: Top 25% of schools, excluding schools with designations of CSI, Graduation Rate or TSI/ATSI</p>	<p>Traditional: No other designation</p>	<p>TSI (Targeted Support and Improvement): Multi-year low performing subgroup(s)</p>
		<p>ATSI (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement): TSI in the lowest 5% of schools. Exit from ATSI status requires an increase in subgroup performance in both of the next 2 years.</p>
		<p>CSI (Comprehensive Support): Lowest 5% of all schools; OR 3 years in ATSI; OR 3-year average of 4-Year Graduation rate is below 66.67%</p>
		<p>MRI (More Rigorous Intervention): on CSI for 3 years</p>

Note about 2022-23 NM Vistas Revision: on May 20, 2024, the Accountability, Research, Evaluation, and Assessment (AREA) Division released new figures on NM Vistas for the school year 2022-23. The figures were recalculated because: 1) AREA received a high number of appeals from schools about their data; 2) the Vistas data and designations needed to align with the state’s *Consolidated State Plan* (CSP) that is sent to the U.S. Department of Education as part of the *State ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act)*

Accountability Model; 3) during the initial release of Vistas 2022-23 reports, a number of schools were prematurely exited from designations of CSI and ATSI. Those schools are on a three-year cycle, some of which started in 2018-19. Because of Covid, two years of accountability reports were waived, so the designation should have continued through 2022-23.

Important: According to the May 20, 2024 NM Vistas revision, the highest **overall** designation a school may receive is “Spotlight,” however, an additional designation/distinction of “Excellence” is assigned to schools scoring above the 90th percentile on specific indicators.

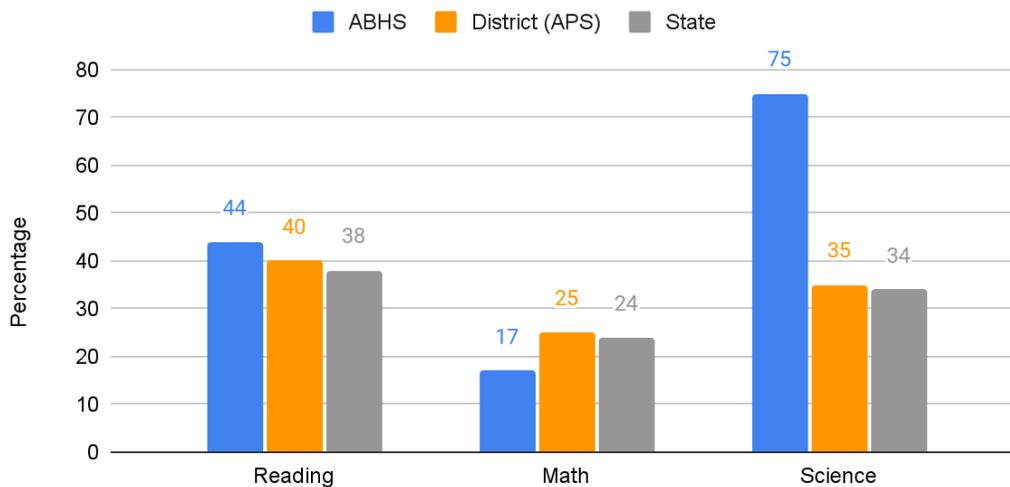
Refer to the [2022-23 Accountability Measures Overview](#) for a summary of indicators included in Vistas calculations. Further details and criteria for each designation are provided in the *Accountability Technical Manual* linked to the [NM Vistas](#) web page.

For the school year 2022-23, **Amy Biehl Charter High School** received a designation of **Spotlight**, with additional designation of **excellence** in Science.

Proficiency

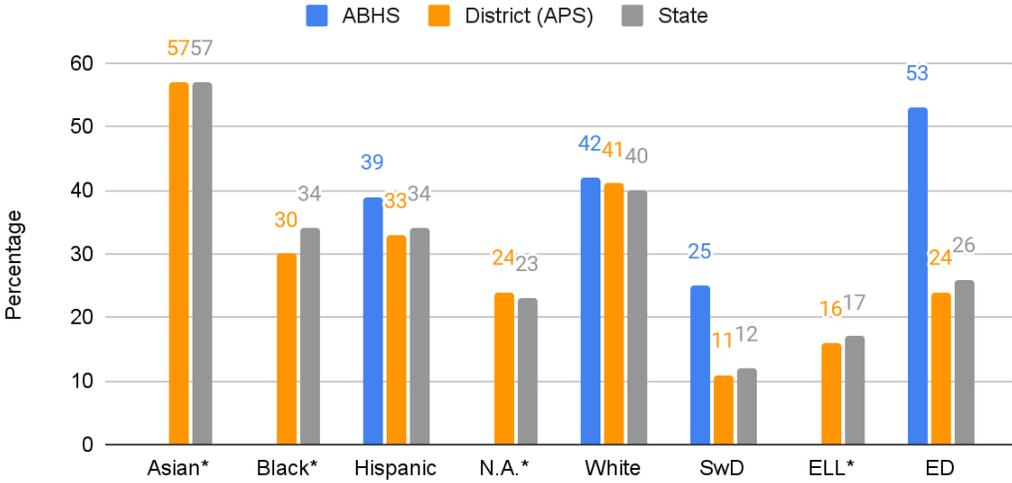
Because science is assessed only in grades 5, 8, and 11, schools that do not serve these grades do not have science proficiency data.

Percent of Students Proficient in Core Subjects 2022-23



Source: <https://nmvistas.org/>

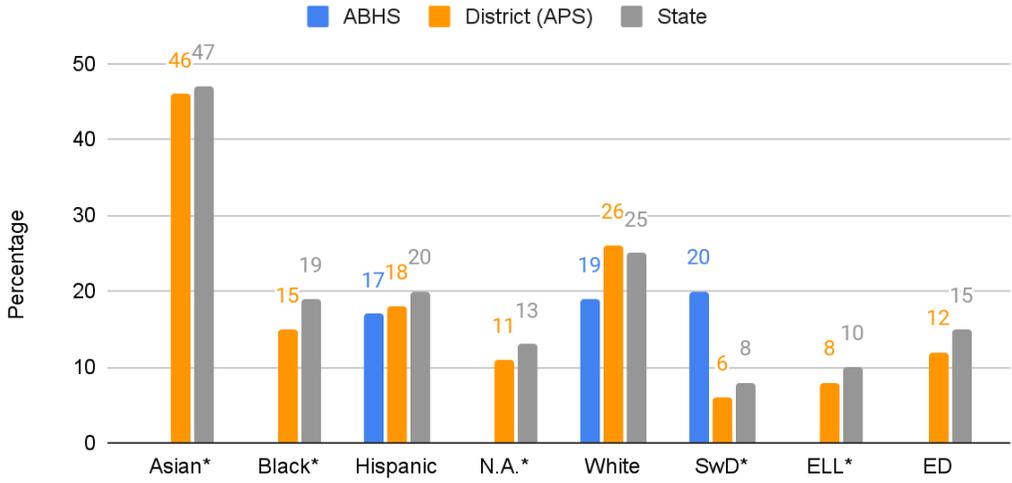
Percent Proficient in Reading by Subgroup 2022-23



Source: <https://nmvistas.org/>

*Note: groups are masked due to population size.

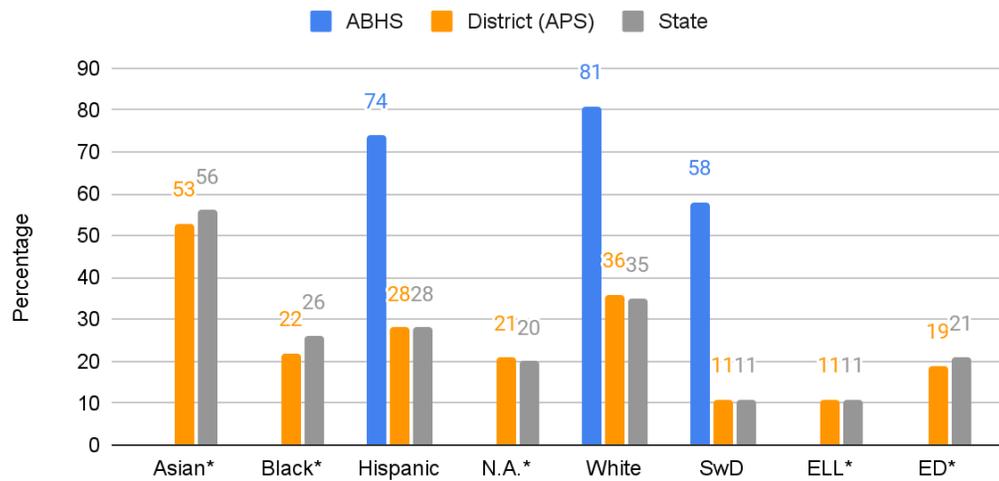
Percent Proficient in Math by Subgroup 2022-23



Source: <https://nmvistas.org/>

*Note: groups are masked due to population size. Students with disabilities partially masked, ≤20% in math.

Percent Proficient in Science by Subgroup 2022-23



Source: <https://nmvistas.org/>

***Note:** groups are masked due to population size.

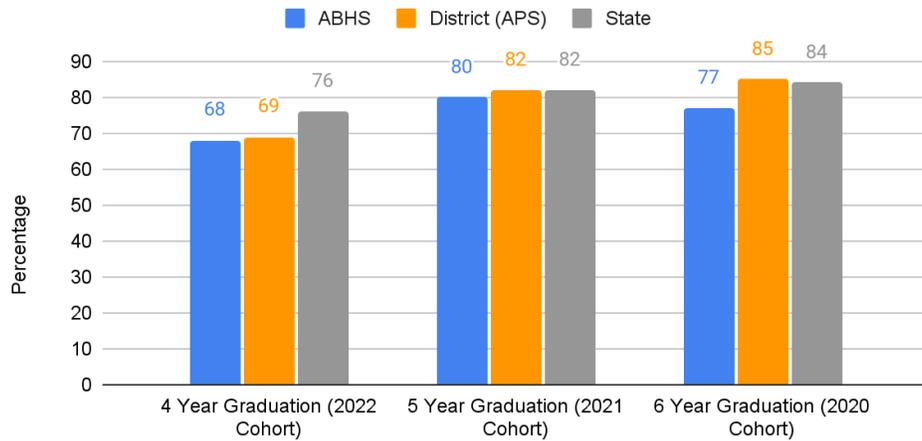
English Learner Progress (NMVistas): 22.2%

English Learner Progress measures the percentage of English learners who are on track toward achieving English proficiency (an ACCESS score of 4.7 or higher) within five years.

High School Graduation

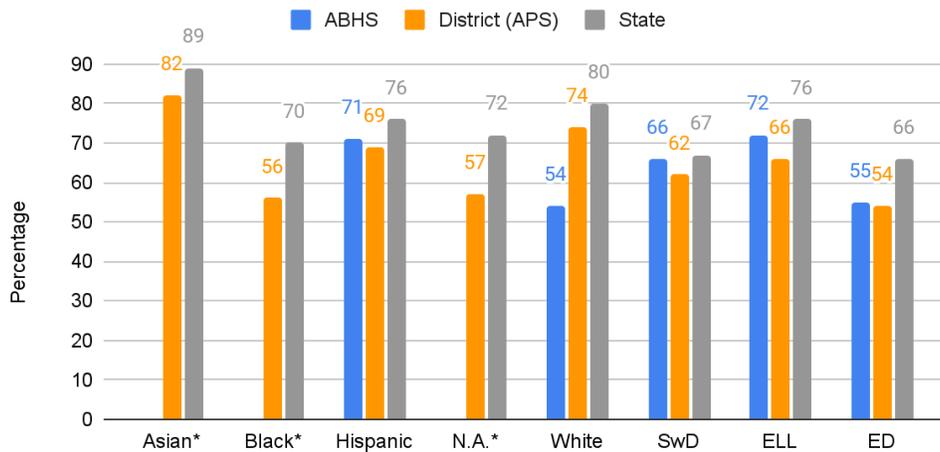
Data refer to prior year cohorts, with the most recent 4-year graduation data available for the 2022 graduation cohort, 5-year data for the 2021 cohort, and 6-year data for the 2020 cohort. The 4-year, 5-year, and 6-year graduation rates for these years are provided with comparative data for the state and district. The 4-year rate is then disaggregated by ethnicity and student group.

High School Graduation



Source: <https://nmvistas.org/>

4-Year Graduation by Subgroup



Source: <https://nmvistas.org/>

***Note:** groups are masked due to population size.

Mission-Specific Goals

Goal 1: 80% of Amy Biehl High School students will graduate with at least two (2) dual credit classes with a C or better OR 1 dual credit class and 1 career readiness course with a C or better.

Performance Level	Target	Points
-------------------	--------	--------

Exceeds Standard	90%-100% of Amy Biehl High School students will graduate with at least two (2) dual credit classes with a C or better OR 1 dual credit class and 1 career readiness course with a C or better.	100
Meets Standard	80%-89% of Amy Biehl High School students will graduate with at least two (2) dual credit classes with a C or better OR 1 dual credit class and 1 career readiness course with a C or better.	75
Does Not Meet Standard	70% - 79% of Amy Biehl High School students will graduate with at least two (2) dual credit classes with a C or better OR 1 dual credit class and 1 career readiness course with a C or better.	25
Falls Far Below Standard	Less than 70% of Amy Biehl High School students will graduate with at least two (2) dual credit classes with a C or better OR 1 dual credit class and 1 career readiness course with a C or better.	0

Rating: Exceeds Standard- 100% student attainment- **100 pts.**

Goal 2: 80% of Amy Biehl High School’s students, who are present at 40th and 120th days, will complete a yearly service project(s) with a grade of C or better.

Performance Level	Target	Points
Exceeds Standard	90%-100% of Amy Biehl High School’s students, who are present at 40th and 120th days, will complete a yearly service project(s) with a grade of C or better.	100
Meets Standard	80% - 89% of Amy Biehl High School’s students, who are present at 40th and 120th days, will complete a yearly service project(s) with a grade of C or better.	75
Does Not Meet Standard	70%-79% of Amy Biehl High School’s students, who are present at 40th and 120th days, will complete a yearly service project(s) with a grade of C or better.	25
Falls Far Below Standard	Less than 70% of Amy Biehl High School’s students, who are present at 40th and 120th days, will complete a yearly service project(s) with a grade of C or better.	0

Rating: Exceeds Standard- 95% student attainment- **100 pts.**

Organizational and Financial Performance Framework

2022-23 Overall Rating: Meets Standard

Pursuant to the [PEC Performance Framework and Accountability System](#), 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 than 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.

Amy Biehl 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	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
1c Rights of Students with Disabilities	Meets Standard	Working to Meet Standard	Meets Standard
1d Rights of English Learners	Working to Meet Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
1e Meeting Program Requirements	Assurances	Meets Standard	Working to Meet Standard
1f NM DASH Plan	N/A	Meets Standard	N/A
2a Financial Reporting and Compliance	Working to Meet Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
2b Accounting Principles	Meets Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
2c Responsive to Audit Findings	Meets Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
2d Managing Grant Funds	Meets Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
2e Staffing for Fiscal Management	Meets Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
2f Internal Controls	Working to Meet Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
3a Governance Requirements	Working to Meet Standard	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
3b Nepotism, Conflict of Interest	Assurances	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
3c Reporting Requirements	Assurances	Working to Meet Standard	Meets Standard
4a Rights of All Students	Assurances	Meets Standard	Meets Standard
4b Attendance and Retention	Meets Standard	Meets Standard	Working to Meet Standard
4c Staff Credentialing	Meets 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.e. School submitted SPEDs IDEA Part B application late.
- 4.b. EOY: Attendance rate is 94% (target attendance is 95%).

Site Visit Attendees

Thursday, February 2, 2023

CSD Team: Kristen LaVolpa (Lead), Ted Farnath, Melissa Brown, and Kimberly Gonzales

School Leadership: Stephanie Becker, Head Administrator

Governing Board: Cliff Wintrode



**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION
300 DON GASPAR
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501-2786
Telephone (505) 827-6661
www.ped.state.nm.us**

PATRICIA GIPSON, CHAIR
PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

ARSENIO ROMERO, PhD
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Patricia Gipson, Chair
District 7, Las Cruces

Steven J. Carrillo, Vice Chair
District 10, Santa Fe

Timothy E. Beck, Secretary
District 2, Albuquerque

Melissa Armijo, Member
District 1, Albuquerque

Rebekka Burt, Member
District 4, Rio Rancho

Alan Brauer, Member
District 3, Albuquerque

Sharon Clahchischillige, Member
District 5, Aztec

Stewart Ingham, Member
District 6, Deming

Michael M. Taylor, Member
District 8, Roswell

K.T. Manis, Member
District 9, Hobbs

July 19, 2024

Stephanie Becker
Rachel Berenson
Amy Biehl High School
sbecker@abhs.k12.nm.us
rberenson@abhs.k12.nm.us

Dear Ms. Becker and Ms. Berenson:

Thank you for all of your hard work to support children in New Mexico. As you know, the Public Education Department revised its information for New Mexico Vistas for all public school for SY 2022-2023. At its July 19, 2024 meeting, the Public Education Commission (PEC) accepted the revised annual reports from the Charter Schools Division. We note that the New Mexico Vistas designation for your school changed as follows:

First Designation	New Designation
ATSI.EL	Spotlight

While the PEC is noting this change in designation, it is not taking any action based on this change, and the information in the PEC Annual Notice letter provided earlier this spring remains unchanged.

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 amended 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