

## Accreditation

New Mexico School for the Deaf is accredited by:

- **NCA** - AdvancED
- **CEASD** - Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf



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SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
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## Program & Services Overview



**Free, quality educational  
programs serving children  
and youth, birth through 21,  
who are deaf or hard of hearing**



New Mexico School for the Deaf  
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## About NMSD

While the New Mexico legislature officially established the New Mexico School for the Deaf in 1887, it was Lars M. Larson who first planted the school's historic roots in 1885. NMSD is New Mexico's first public school and is the only land grant school for the deaf in the country.

## Our Vision

Children and students in New Mexico who are deaf or hard of hearing will become lifelong learners and contributing, well-rounded successful individuals in an increasingly global society.

## Our Mission

The mission of the New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD), New Mexico's first public school, is to provide for the unique needs of children and students who are deaf or hard of hearing, their families, and professional partners by providing a comprehensive array of school and statewide programs.

As a school, NMSD provides an American Sign Language and English bilingual learning environment that includes direct, ongoing access to language and communication in and out of the classroom with a wide range of peers and adults. The students are interactive learners who receive dynamic high quality standards-based instruction in a variety of curricular and extra-curricular activities.

As a statewide service agency, NMSD collaborates with families, school districts, agencies and communities throughout the state to meet the critical language, communication, and learning needs of children and students in New Mexico who are deaf or hard of hearing, birth through high school.



## Programs

With a long history of serving children and youth who are deaf or hard of hearing, NMSD proudly offers the following programs to the state:

- **Preschools and Kindergartens** - comprehensive and stimulating learning environments for young children
- **Rigorous Academics** - grades 1 through 12, which encompass traditional and elective subjects with a special emphasis on language and literacy development
- **Student Life** - offering a wide range of residential, educational and recreational after-school activities, such as tutoring, life skills development, athletics and clubs
- **Early Intervention & Involvement Division** - statewide, family centered, early intervention services for babies, toddlers and young children
- **Center for Educational Consultation and Training** - statewide information, training, and technical support to public schools serving children and youth who are deaf or hard of hearing
- **Summer Program** - a place where NMSD and non-NMSD students who are deaf or hard of hearing and in grades K -8 come together in fun, adventurous, academic and non-academic ways. Local Preschoolers may attend the program as day students

## Special Program Features

The school offers outstanding educational programs, services and statewide support to students, families and providers in a wide variety of ways:

- Nurturing, supportive, language-accessible school environments
- Bilingual approach (ASL, English)
- Comprehensive student support services
- Partnerships with families
- Licensed, certified teaching staff and leaders in Deaf Education, research and reform
- Nationally recognized early intervention program
- Highly collaborative statewide resource
- Cutting-edge technology

## Eligibility

Any child or youth who resides in New Mexico and has a diagnosed hearing loss can be considered for school enrollment. Students from New Mexico attend free of charge. Children and youth who are enrolled in public school programs, their families and their educational teams, are eligible for outreach services.

