



Making Schools Work: Foundations for Success 2007-2008

New Mexico's current rankings (*Quality Counts 2008, Education Week*)

- 8th nationally, earning a B- for early childhood, college and career readiness (C Ntl. Avg.)
- 16th nationally, earning an A- for standards, assessments and accountability (B Ntl. Avg.)
- 17th nationally, earning a C+ for initiatives in the teaching profession (C Ntl. Avg.)
- 30th nationally, earning a C for school finance (C+ Ntl. Avg.)
- 46th nationally, earning a D- for K-12 achievement levels/gains in the poverty gap (D+ Ntl. Avg.)
- 49th nationally, earning a D+ for chances for success for New Mexico students (C+ Ntl. Avg.)

Making Schools Work Education Agenda Focus

- Academic Rigor and Accountability
- Closing the Achievement Gap
- School Readiness
- Parent Involvement
- Quality Teachers
- 21st Century Classrooms
- College and Workforce Readiness

Academic Rigor and Accountability

- ★ **4th nationally for strong state policy ensuring high standards, aligned assessments, and strong accountability**, Education Week *Quality Counts 2007*
- ★ Recognized in June 2007 by the US Dept. of Education for having **high academic standards aligned to the NAEP**
 - ★ 8th nationally in 4th grade reading
 - ★ 9th nationally in 4th grade math
 - ★ 7th nationally in 8th grade math
 - ★ 11th nationally in 8th grade reading
- ★ **NAEP Results 2007**
 - ★ 4th grade shows progress in math and reading
 - ★ 8th grade shows progress in reading and holds steady for math,
 - ★ NM one of only 14 states to improve in both math and reading
 - ★ NM one of only 4 states to show significant increases for Hispanic students in grade 4
 - ★ NM showed significant increase in 4th and 8th grade Hispanic students scoring basic and above in math and reading
 - ★ NM 4th grade students eligible for free/reduced lunch showed significant increases in both reading and math
- ★ **Math and Science Act 2007**: ensures alignment, rigor, and relevance in curriculum and establishes Math and Science Bureau and Advisory in statute
- ★ Aligned a process for text book adoption, **boosted instructional material investments by over \$4 million to \$37.2 million in 2007**
- ★ Earned a **"B+" for resource equity to schools**, Education Week Quality Counts, 2007
- ★ **Implemented Dual Chartering Authority with the Public Education Commission, 2007**
- ★ Of the nation's 3,940 Charter schools in 2007, 53 schools in 24 states received national recognition in 2007. NM had 3: 21st Century Public Academy (APS), Taos Municipal Charter (Taos), Moreno Valley High School (Cimmaron)

Closing the Achievement Gap

- ★ NM ranked 1st in the nation for the number of elementary school students eating free and reduced-price breakfast, *Food and Research Action Center, 2007*
- ★ **NM administered over \$93 million in state and federal funds providing nutritionally balanced free or low cost meals/milk to more than 156,000 students daily, 2007**
- ★ Increased number of **school based health centers** from 56 in 2006 to 70 in 2007
- ★ **Increased Joint Powers Agreements with tribes** for revitalization and preservation of native language from 9 to 12 in 2007

- ★ **Increased Memoranda of Agreements with tribes** to develop tribal standards and criteria for licensing Native American Language teachers from 10 to 13 in 2007
- ★ **Doubled the number of Native American teachers and administrators in programs for advanced degrees or administrative certificates** from 92 in 2006 to 184 in 2007
- ★ **Increased the number of newly certified Native American teachers** from 69 in 2006 to 113 in 2007
- ★ Invested **\$49 million in state and federal funds for bilingual, ELL, and immigrant programs** in 2006-2007
- ★ NM now has nearly **67,000 teachers endorsed and instruction in bilingual and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) programs**, 2007
- ★ NM is **servicing over 60,000 students in ELL programs** alone, 2007

School Readiness

- ★ **Public PreK Programs**
 - ★ 2006-2007 served 2,194 students in 51 classrooms at 45 locations
 - ★ **2007-2008 expanding to 3,980 students in 105 classrooms in 78 locations**
- ★ **Developed criterion referenced Observation and Documentation Assessment processes**, 2007
- ★ National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) reports students in NM PreK:
 - ★ Increased vocabulary growth by 54%
 - ★ Increased math skills by 40%
 - ★ Increased literacy and print awareness by 118%
 - ★ PreK students outperform their non-PreK peers in vocabulary and literacy
- ★ K-Plus pilot program in its third year shows:
 - ★ DIBELS assessment data in K-Plus shows participants are entering Kindergarten with appropriate reading level skills
 - ★ DIBELS data suggest K+ participants will out perform their non-KPlus peers in Kindergarten
 - ★ Benchmark growth increased an average of 21%
- ★ K-3Plus funded at \$7.5 Million for 2007-2008 serving 60 schools in 19 districts, 5,622 students
- ★ **NM ranks number 1 for growth in Oral Reading Fluency in Reading First Western States**, Federal Reading First Office 2007
- ★ In 2007, the New Mexico Reading First program for Early Childhood reading comprehension & oral reading fluency in **35 districts and 108 schools**

Parent Involvement

- ★ Named **statewide Parent and Family Involvement Advisory Council** with parents and representatives from 23 organizations and parent and family groups, 2007
- ★ Created an agency **Parent Involvement Action Committee to ensure integration and collaboration** for 21 state and federal mandated and 9 optional parent involvement activities, 2007
- ★ Implemented a Parent Involvement **Media initiative**, 2006-2008
- ★ Parent involvement **district and school training**, 2006-2008
- ★ Completed a **teen father video** in collaboration with Human Services Division, 2007
- ★ PTA **parent involvement workbook targeting K-6 for every parent**, 2007
- ★ Supporting **13 rural school-community programs that partner school curriculum with community needs** to revitalize economies, workforce, and culture, 2007
- ★ NM's **Rural Revitalization program considered a model by the National Community Education Association**, 2007

Quality Teachers

- ★ New Mexico now has **94%** of all core courses **taught by highly qualified teachers** (2006-2007)
- ★ NM named "State of the Month" for strategies to improve teacher quality, *National Commission on Teaching and America's Future, March 2007*
- ★ New Mexico **increased national salary rankings** from 46th to 36th from 2005 to 2007
- ★ NM **ranked 5th nationally for the percentage change in average teacher salaries** in 2007
- ★ **Invested \$6.5 million in professional development and mentorship** programs in 2007
- ★ 2007 Legislature established a \$50K minimum for level 3 teachers
- ★ 2007 Legislature boosted salaries by an average of 5% for teachers and licensed support staff
- ★ NM ranks 20th nationally for new National Board Certified Teachers, *National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, 2007*

- ★ In 2000, 1,051 waivers were granted to teachers not meeting licensure requirements. In 2007, 32 waivers were granted.

21st Century Classrooms

- ★ NM becomes the **first state in the nation to create a statewide eLearning system that, from its inception, encompasses all aspects of learning** from traditional public and higher education to teacher professional development, continuing education and workforce education, *North American Council for Online Learning NACOL, 2007*
- ★ Invested a total of \$6.5 million statewide for updated computers, hardwiring, and software to ensure student access to technology, 2007
- ★ NM earned a “**B**” for **statewide student access to technology**, *Education Week Technology Counts 2008*
 - ★ Percent of students with access to a computer in the classroom
 - ★ Percent of students with access to a computer in a lab/media center
 - ★ Number of students per instructional computer
 - ★ Number of students with access to a high-speed internet-connected computer
- ★ **Cyber Academy Act 2007** -- aggressive **education technology strategy**
 - ★ Reduces geographic and capacity barriers
 - ★ Expands course offerings—language, math, science, technology, and career-tech
 - ★ Resolves conflicts in student schedules
 - ★ Provides dual credit, credit-recovery, summer school, on-line tutoring, alternative high school completion, and home-bound options
 - ★ Increases access to highly qualified teachers
 - ★ Reduces teacher-pupil ratios
- ★ NM Public Education Department piloted its first semester of eLearning services in 2007:
 - ★ Twenty-five eTeachers in thirteen districts received training and participated in course development.
 - ★ Seven high schools registered students in twenty-two courses including French, German, English, history, math, economics, and digital video production.
 - ★ Two New Mexico courses were developed and piloted: Algebra I and New Mexico History (high school).
 - ★ Teacher, school, and student handbooks were developed.
 - ★ Domain established at www.ideal-nm.org
 - ★ Learning Management System is in the final stages of procurement.
- ★ In 2007, 14 NM districts received a total of \$1.5 million in funds for capital technology improvements including computers, hardware, and software
- ★ **NM Laptop Initiative** for 7th graders provided computers to 1,355 students at 21 sites statewide in 2007, expanding the program to **serve nearly 5,000 students at 31 sites statewide.**

College & Workforce Readiness

- ★ **High School Redesign 2007** increased graduation requirements, increased alignment between K-12 and higher education:
 - ★ Four years of math with at least one course of Algebra II or higher
 - ★ Four years of English
 - ★ Three years of laboratory-based science
 - ★ Three years of social studies
 - ★ At least one Advanced Placement® (AP), dual enrollment, honors, or online course
 - ★ Participation in the Next Step Planning
 - ★ A three-part assessment system that measures high school, college, and workforce readiness
 - ★ Algebra I will be made available in 8th grade
- ★ Collaboration with HED through **taskforce initiatives** providing more accountability for a seamless and aligned P-20 system of education, 2007
 - ★ American Diploma Project
 - ★ Dual Credit Council
 - ★ P-20 Alignment Council
 - ★ Math and Science Advisory Council
 - ★ Career Technical Education State Advisory Council
- ★ NM standards and benchmarks well **aligned with SAT, PSAT, and AP tests**, National College Board 2006 and 2007
- ★ In 2007, NM **AP test takers increased** by almost 9% and the number of scores between 3 and 5 increased by 4%.
- ★ Over **4,000 NM students will be eligible for college credit** earned on AP exams in 2007

- ★ **Hispanic AP test takers increased 15% in 2007**
- ★ **Native American AP test takers increased by 7% in 2007**
- ★ **PSAT test takers statewide increased nearly doubled increasing by 98% in 2007**
- ★ Increased the number of industry recognized certifications aligned to NM Career Clusters from 98 to 148, 2007
- ★ NM Division of Vocational Rehabilitation served over 2,000 students transitioning from school to work, 2007
- ★ Provided 32 intervention programs through *Graduation, Reality, and Dual-Role Skills* targeting pregnancy prevention, career readiness, fatherhood, and youth-development, 2007