

# Native Education State Profiles

## New Mexico



### Report Summary

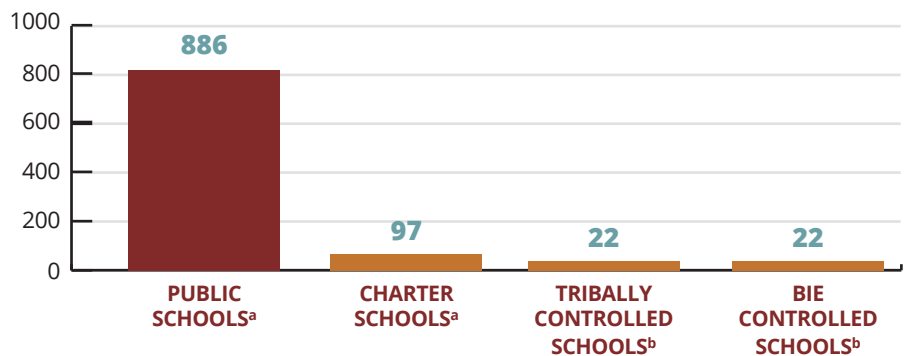
The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides tribes and states an important opportunity to advance tribal sovereignty and create positive and inclusive learning environments for Native students. Schools and Native communities must collaborate to ensure students are college, career, and community ready. As the only national organization advocating for improved educational opportunities for Native students, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) supports and builds partnerships between Native and allied stakeholders that provide opportunities for Native students to thrive in the classroom and beyond. This state profile is available to NIEA membership, tribal leadership, educators, and allies to provide important information and highlight available resources that may be of assistance in advocacy work.

### State Leadership

<b>Michelle Lujan Grisham</b> <i>Governor</i>	Appoints the Secretary of Education.
<b>Kurt Steinhaus</b> <i>Secretary of Education</i>	The Secretary of Education is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate.
<b>Rebecca Reyes</b> <i>Indian Education Division, Deputy Director</i>	The Deputy Director for Indian Education is appointed by the Secretary of Education.

### District Snapshot

Number of School Districts: 147<sup>a</sup>



### Where Do Native Students Attend School?<sup>c</sup>



**PUBLIC**  
30,912 students

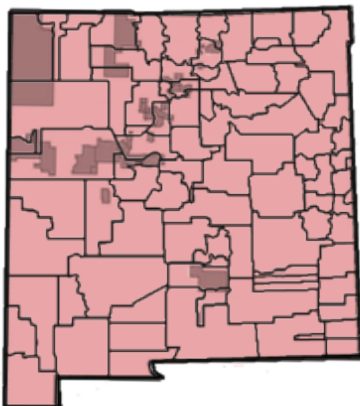


**CHARTER**  
1,631 students



**BIE FUNDED**  
7,439 students

### New Mexico School Districts



American Indian reservations and communities

	Student Enrollment <sup>c</sup>	Student Enrollment <sup>c</sup>
<b>Native</b>	39,982	12.3%
<b>Total</b>	324,279	100%

### Federally Recognized Tribes

- Jicarilla Apache Nation
- Kewa Pueblo
- Mescalero Apache Tribe
- Navajo Nation
- Ohkay Owingeh
- Pueblo of Acoma
- Pueblo of Cochiti
- Pueblo of Isleta
- Pueblo of Jemez
- Pueblo of Laguna
- Pueblo of Nambe
- Pueblo of Picuris
- Pueblo of Pojoaque
- Pueblo of San Felipe
- Pueblo of San Ildefonso
- Pueblo of Sandia
- Pueblo of Santa Ana
- Pueblo of Santa Clara
- Pueblo of Taos
- Pueblo of Tesuque
- Pueblo of Zia
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation



# New Mexico Native Education Legislation

1975	1988	2002	2004	2017	2019	2021
Legislators create the Indian Education Division at the NM Department of Education.	The NM Indian Education Act establishes and provides funding for the Assistant Secretary of Indian Education.	State legislators establish a special certification process for teachers of Native language and culture.	New Mexico integrates Native languages into the Bilingual Education Act, providing resources to Native students.	The Department of Education approves the NM state plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act.	Legislators authorize new funding to support bilingual and multicultural education in rural schools.	Discrimination on the basis of hair style or headdress becomes illegal in NM schools.

## Equal Opportunities

National Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools <sup>c</sup>	24	3	2	9	1
Students with Disabilities <sup>d</sup>	15	15	13	12	7
Children in Poverty <sup>e</sup>	31	32	26	11	11
Full-Time Teachers <sup>f</sup>	0.5	7	9	79	2
High School Graduation Rate <sup>g</sup>	74	80	82	89	93

New Mexico Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools <sup>c</sup>	1	2	3	4	2
Students with Disabilities <sup>d</sup>	13	13	15	12	5
Children in Poverty <sup>e</sup>	40	25	28	13	12
Full-Time Teachers <sup>f</sup>	3	1	36	54	2
High School Graduation Rate <sup>g</sup>	70	67	75	79	86

## Engage



### Language Immersion Programs

**Ndé Bizaa': Mescalero Apache Tribe Language Program**  
Mescalero, NM

[mescaleroapachetribe.com/nde-bizaa/](http://mescaleroapachetribe.com/nde-bizaa/)



### ESSA Working Groups

Find out more about how New Mexico is fulfilling ESSA requirements through its work on accountability, assessment, teacher quality, English learners, and school improvement.

**Website:** [ped.state.nm.us/ped/ESSA.html](http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/ESSA.html)  
**Phone:** (505) 629-6604



## New Mexico Student Profile

### Young Children<sup>h</sup>

**27%**

of the American Indian and Alaska Native population is under the age of 18.

**6%**

of American Indians in New Mexico are between the ages of 0-5.

### Higher Education

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Tribal Colleges serve 2,493 students in New Mexico.<sup>i</sup>

**14%**

of American Indians\* in New Mexico have a Bachelors degree or higher.<sup>j</sup>

### Connectivity<sup>k</sup>

**26%**

of American Indians\* in New Mexico do not have access to a personal computer.

**46%**

of American Indians in New Mexico do not have a broadband internet subscription.

### Percent Reading Proficiency Among...<sup>k</sup>

	4th Grade Students	8th Grade Students
<b>New Mexico Native</b>	11	12
<b>New Mexico</b>	24	23
<b>United States</b>	35	34

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\* Indicates that the measure includes multiracial AI/ANs.