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Serving New Mexico Students in Grades 4- 12

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Introduction

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*photo taken during state testing in Roswell

Level IIIB Administrative License

Level IIIA Special Education Teacher License

Level IIIA Elementary Teacher License

23+ years experience in Education in both Arizona and New Mexico

Former Marine, Veteran of Desert Storm/Desert Shield

Important Historical Dates

Authorized by PEC – June 6, 2013

First School Year began – August 12, 2013

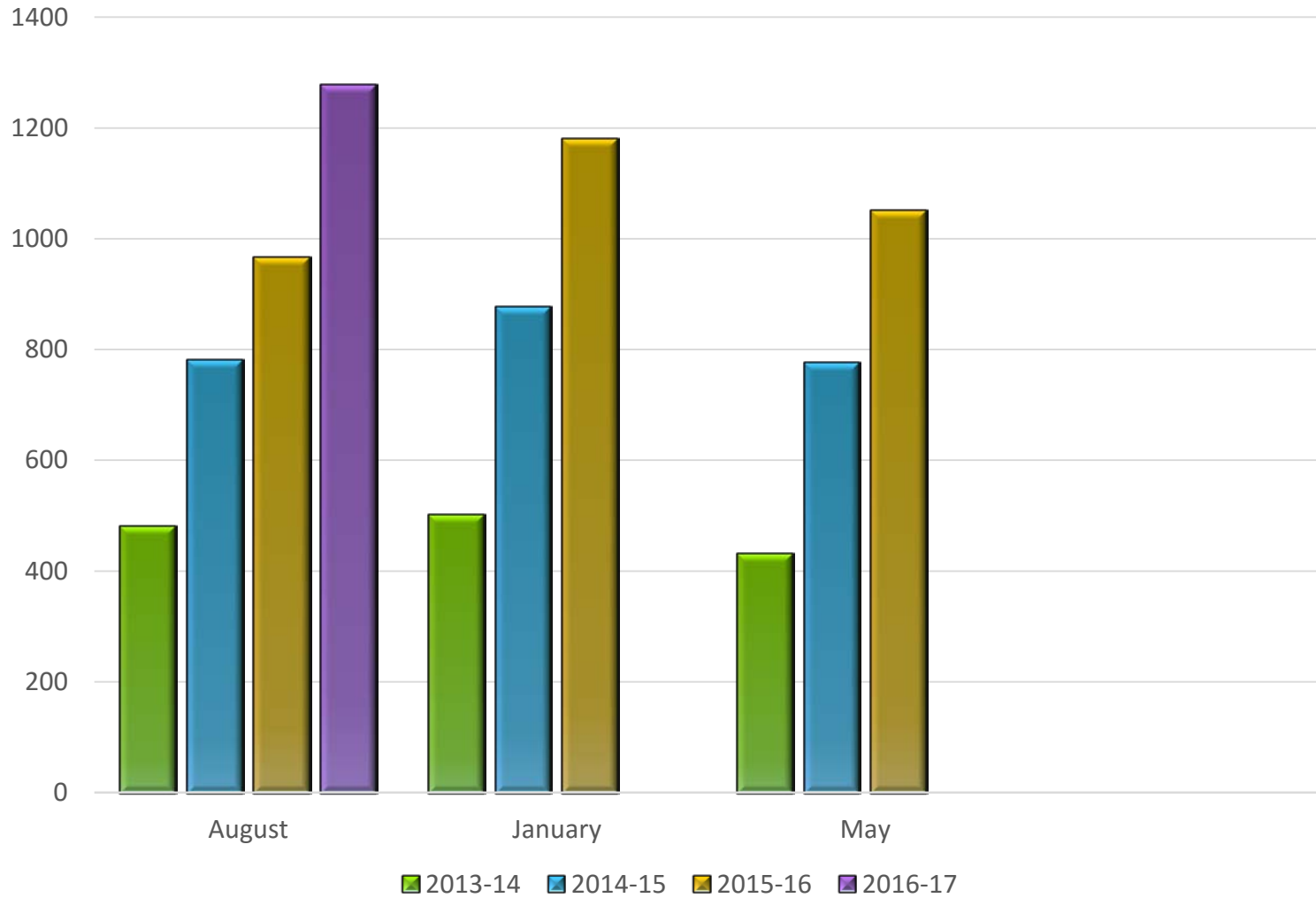
First Graduation – May 31, 2014

Accredited by AdvancED – Spring 2016

First full cohort of Graduates – Spring 2017



Student Enrollment



Reasons NM Families Choose NMCA

- Safety
- Issues related to Bullying
- Mental or Physical Health restrictions
- Dissatisfaction with Public School
- Need for flexible schedule due to:
 - Athletic team participation
 - Rodeo or agriculture related need
- Teen mother/father
 - Work schedule to support family
- Student who is 18+ years old
- Distance from local school too far
- Alternative to traditional classroom setting
- Dual enrollment flexibility (high school)
- Increased elective choices



NMCA Offers Socialization Opportunities

- Students are provided a variety of experiences for hands-on learning with their teachers and peers throughout the state.
- Each teacher is required to attend at least two student learning and socialization events each school year.
- NMCA students make lasting friendships with their classmates despite geographical separation.

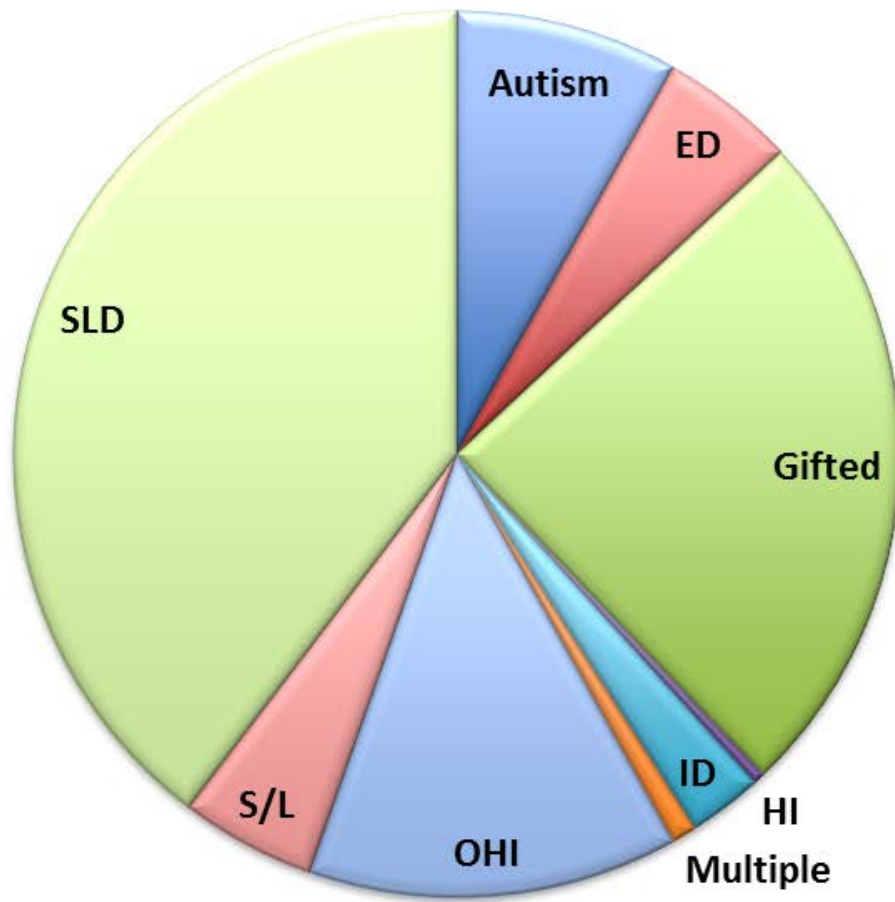


Special Populations Overview:

- 222 Students with IEPs
- 54 Students with a 504 Plan
- 14 Students receiving ELL services
- 1 Special Education Manager
- 8 Special Education Teachers
- 1 Special Education Advisory Teacher
- 1 Administrative Assistant

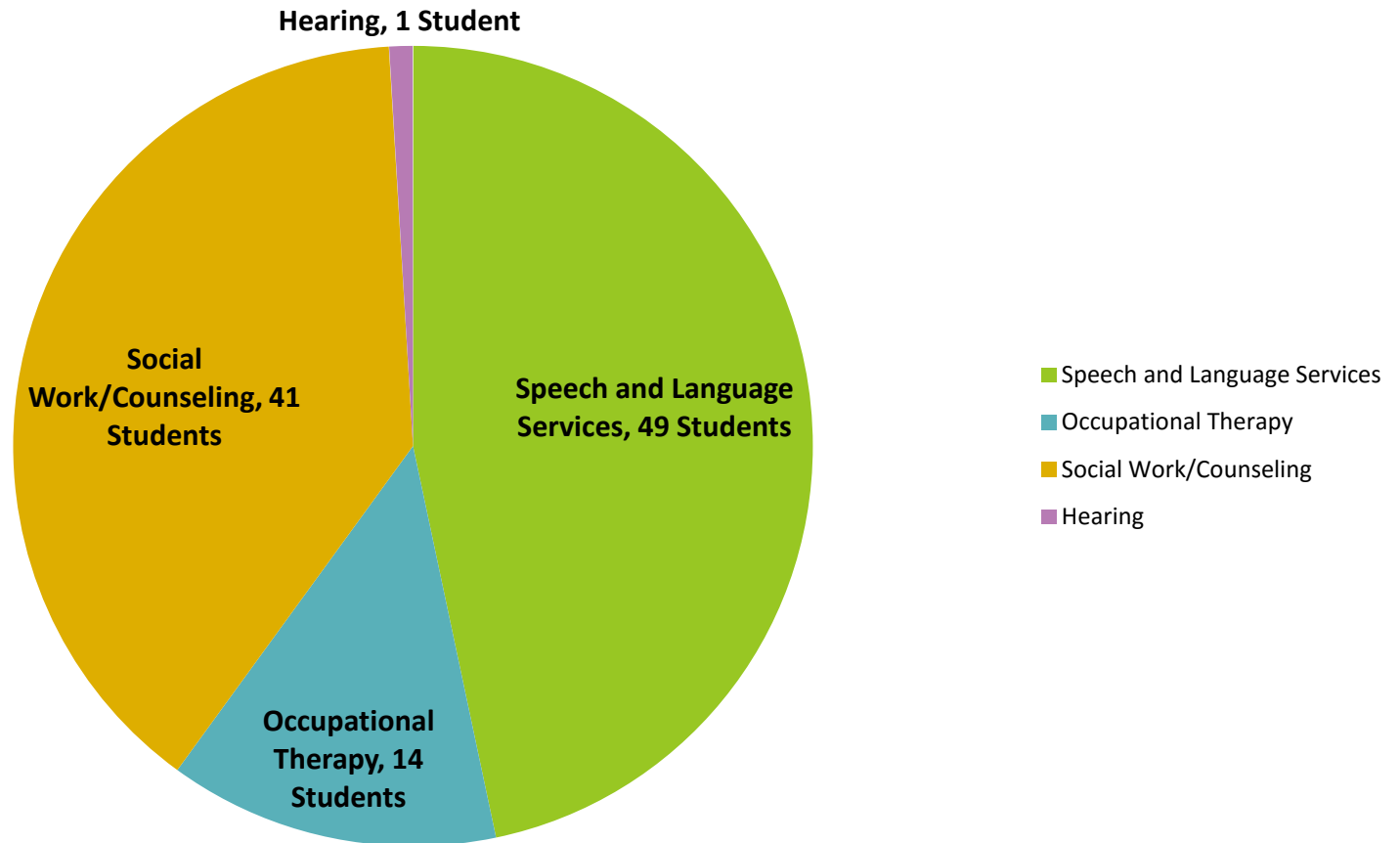


NMCA Primary Disabilities

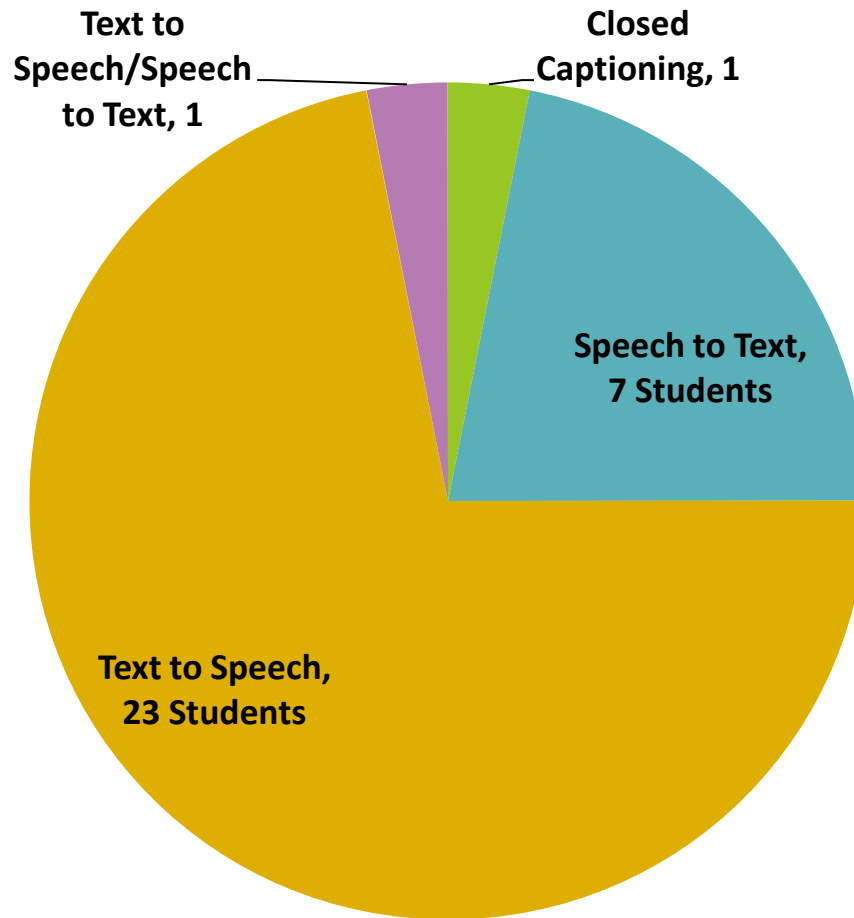


- Autism
- ED
- Gifted
- HI
- ID
- Multiple
- OHI
- S/L
- SLD

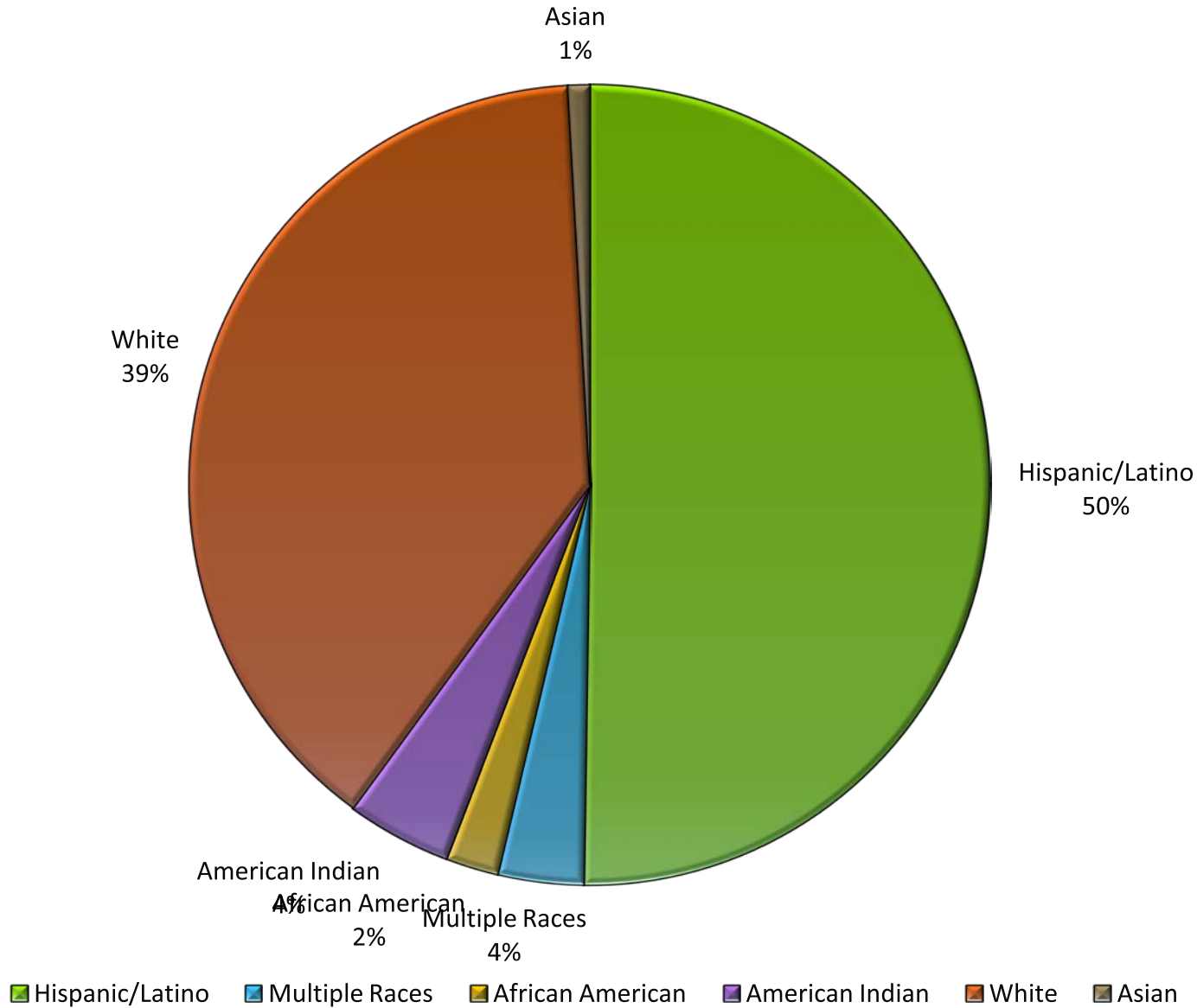
NMCA Ancillary Services



34 students at NMCA receive Assistive Technology Supports:

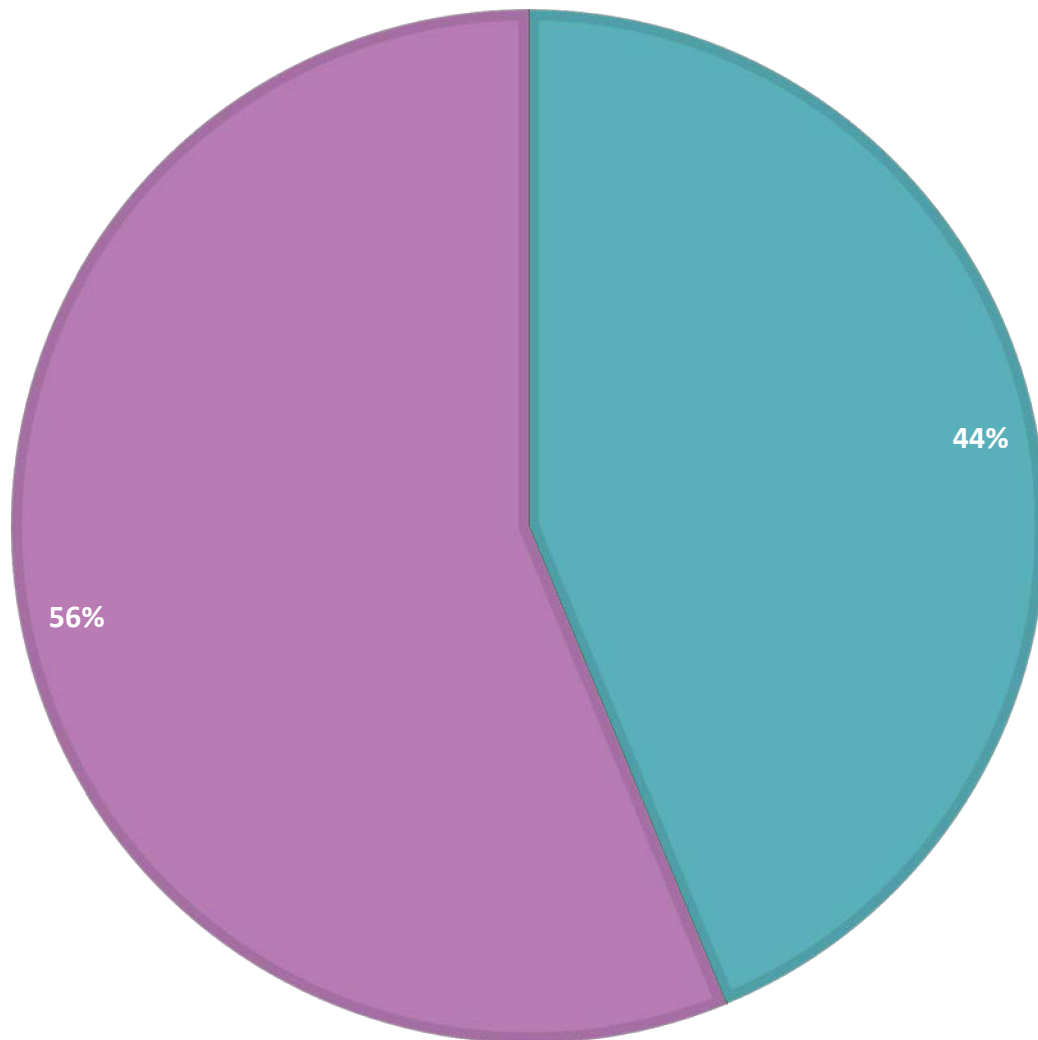


Race/Ethnicity



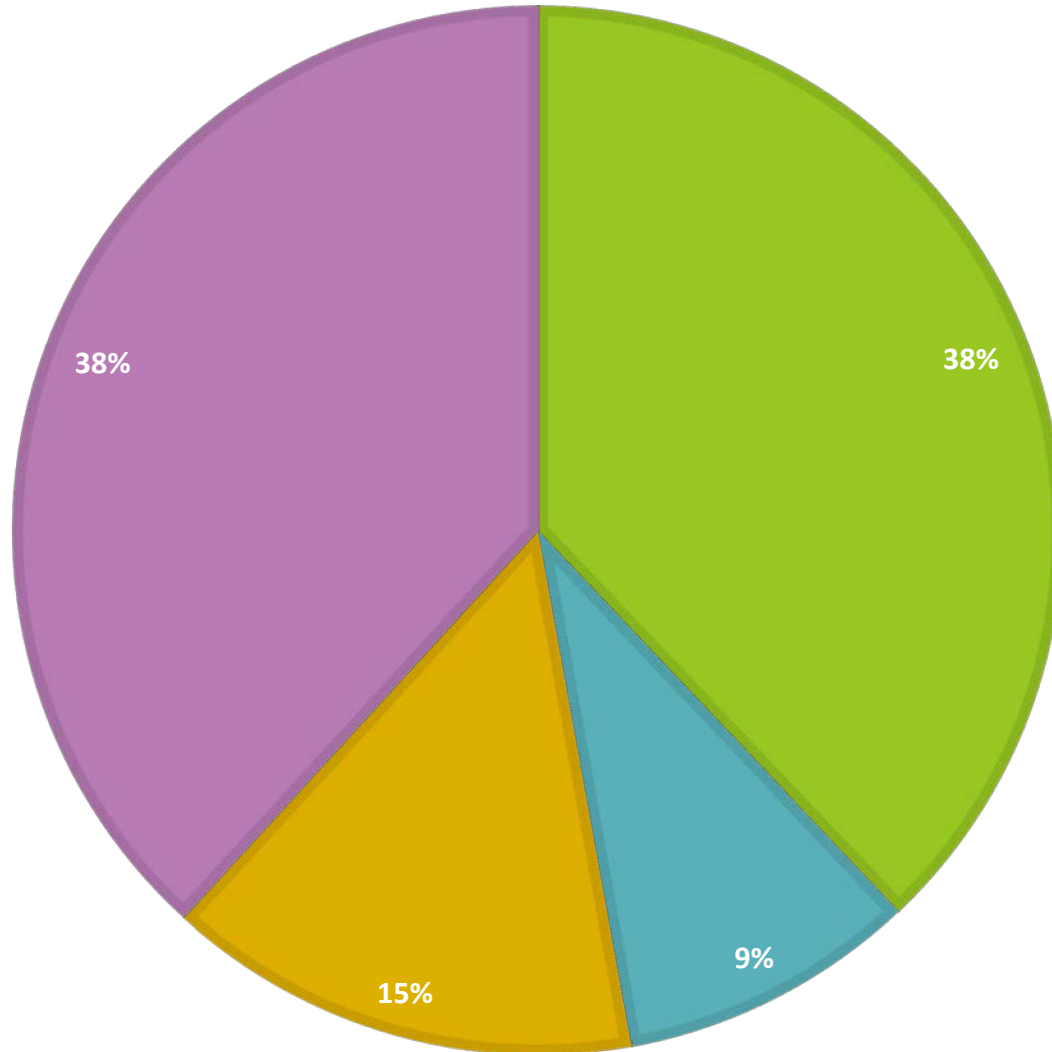
GENDER BREAKDOWN

■ Boys ■ Girls

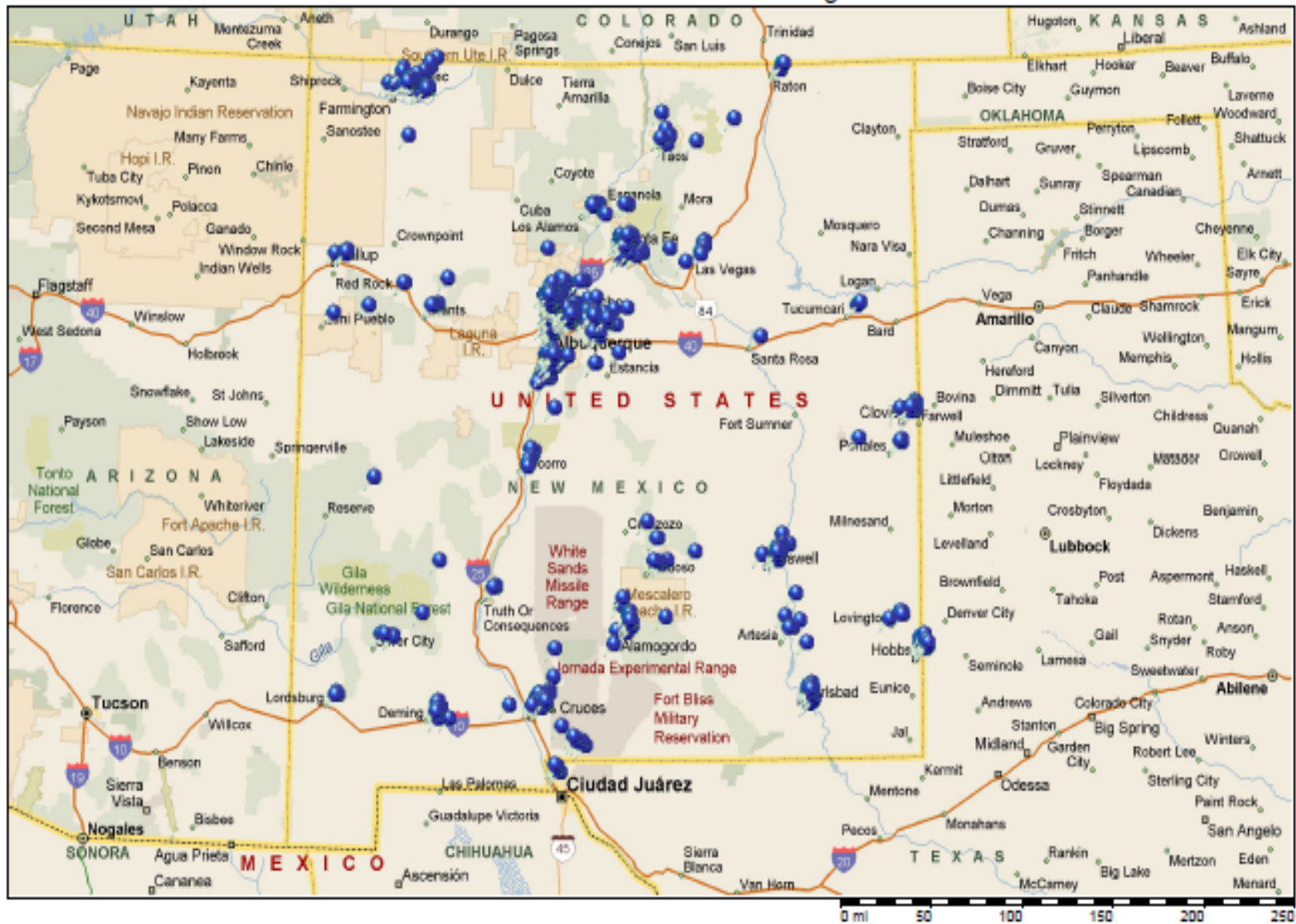


FARM ELIGIBILITY

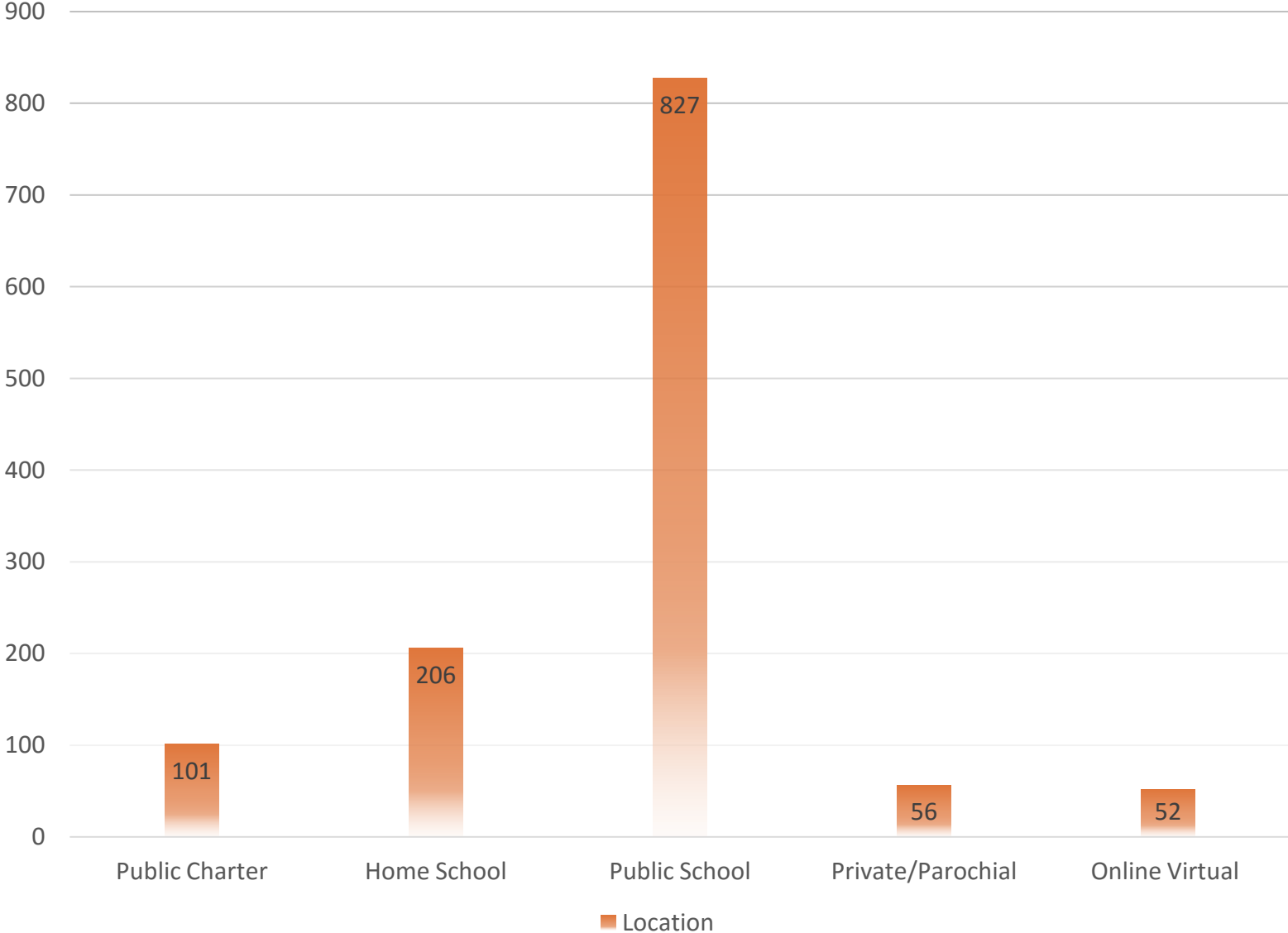
■ Free ■ Reduced ■ Refused to Report ■ Does not Qualify



NMCA 16-17 Enrolled Households through 9.7.16



PRIOR SCHOOLING



NMCA Teachers [Zip Codes Only] - 9.7.16



Teacher Information / Breakdown

- 42 Full time Teachers – NMPED Certified and Highly Qualified
- Full time Counselors – NMPED Certified
- 2 Assistant Principals – NMPED Certified
- 1 Special Education Manager – NMPED Certified
- 1 Principal – NMPED Certified



Graduation Rates

- 2013-14 10 Students 100%
- 2014-15 25 Students 84%
- 2015-16 70 Students 89%



2015-16 Graduate College Acceptance/Enrollment

University of New Mexico

Eastern New Mexico University

University of Colorado at Denver

Northern Arizona University

Grand Canyon University

University of Arizona

Abilene Christian University

Washington State University



Parent Satisfaction Survey Snapshot

94.2% of NMCA Parents would recommend the program to other non-enrolled families

85.3% of NMCA Parents indicate their child's attitude toward learning has improved since enrolling in the program

94% of NMCA Parents agree that their students are challenged by a high quality curriculum

88.2% of NMCA parents are satisfied with the amount of contact their student has with teachers

*Families are given an in depth survey at the conclusion of every school year

Governing Council Information

5 Council Members Including:

Mark Boitano - Former Senator

Jerry Schalow – Finance Executive

Carlo Lucero – Business Owner

Patrick Chavez – Engineer

Paul Gessing – Rio Grande Foundation President

Meetings held monthly

All meeting dates, agendas and approved minutes can be located on our website

Accounting and Finance Information

Financial reporting completed by Vigil Group

Financial approval from Governing Council for all decisions

Title I and II Funding verified/approved by NMPED

Yearly Audit of financial records

Questions?

Thank you !