



NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

135 Years of Education



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Explore!
Achieve!**

Legislative Finance Committee

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1885: Lars and Belle Larson found NMSD

1887: Territorial Legislature authorizes NMSD as a public school

1960: NMSD opens satellite preschools across the state

1983: NMSD starts a statewide Parent-Infant Program (Step*Hi now EIDS)

1992: NMSD receives Legislative funding to establish an Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCD now CECT)

2004: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children's Educational Bill of Rights passes

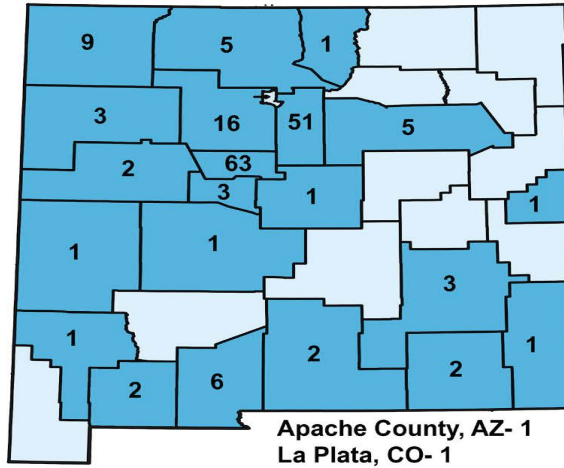
2020: New regulations (NMAC) ensure all families are informed about NMSD resources.



NMSD Children & Students Served Statewide in 30 Counties

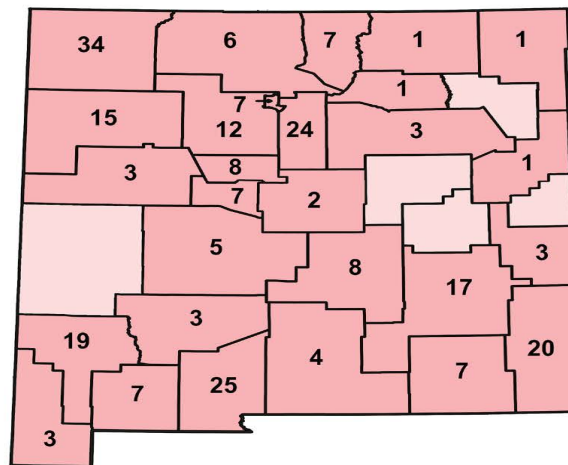
Instruction 2019 – 2020: 181

(Santa Fe: Preschool to 12th Grade; Preschools: Albuquerque, Farmington & Las Cruces)



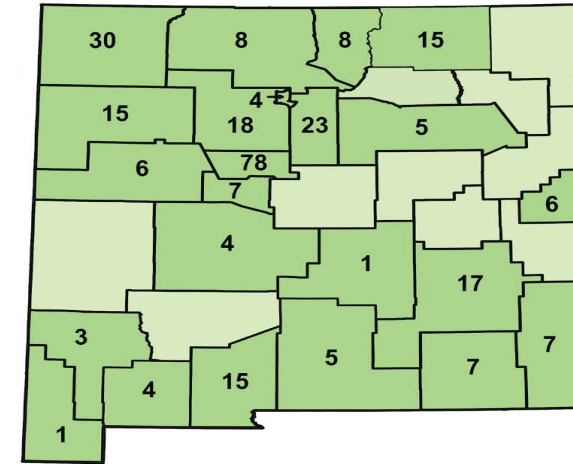
Outreach 2019 – 2020: 253

(Support to school districts and families)



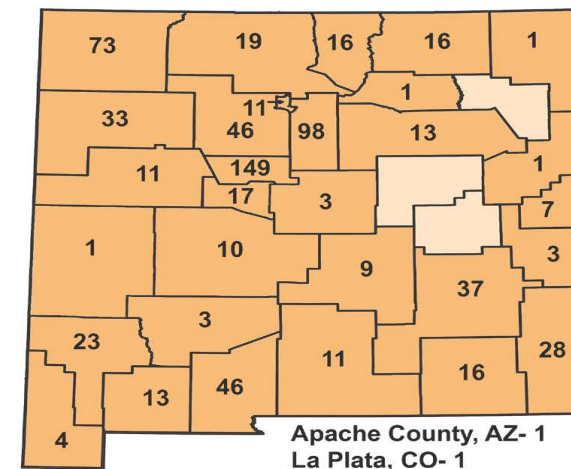
Early Intervention 2019 – 2020: 287

(Home visiting services for children ages birth – 6)



Total Children Served by NMSD

2019 – 2020: *693 *(28 of 721 receive services from both Early Intervention and Preschools)





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In 2007 my family and I began a journey with the Mexico School for the Deaf. That journey began with my daughter attending NMSD's Preschool in Albuquerque, and later my youngest daughter also began attending.

From those beginnings, my daughters, but more importantly, my entire family, have become members of the NMSD family. As an educator who has worked at all levels of education and observed and visited schools all across the nation, NMSD provides a community-based, culturally relevant education to the deaf community that is on par with some of the most innovative schools across the nation.

However, the most important aspect is that we are part of the family and feel we belong! We are happy that NMSD has supported our family in this experience.”

~ Vigil Family from Zia Pueblo, New Mexico





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Financials

Permanent Fund (73% of total unrestricted revenue)

1.5% more in FY2020 than FY2019 (\$197,833 more than FY2019).

Monthly allocation decreasing from previous months. November: \$2.5K less than October. October: \$2.1K less than September.

FY2021 forecast, will be only 2.3% more than FY2020.

Expenses exceed Revenues

Beginning in FY2021 through FY2025, based on financial history, NMSD will not be able to maintain a 15% fund balance. The I&G fund balance will continue to decline.

Rising expenses due to inflation, costs in benefits, and modest salary increases for staff will outpace the slow drop in revenues from permanent fund and flat appropriation allocation.



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