



cArtesia High School
"City of Champions"
Profile

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The Community: Artesia, New Mexico, is located in the rich Pecos River Valley where oil and gas, agriculture, and a Federal Law Enforcement Training Center are the major sources of employment. Approximately 17,273 people reside within a ten-mile radius of the city center. Economic growth in the area has been steady over the past ten years due largely to the variety of employment opportunities and an effective trade area that extends to forty-five miles from the center of Artesia. Artesia consists of a diverse culture and population.

The School District: Artesia Public Schools educate and serve 3900 students Kindergarten through 12th grade on ten campuses. Currently, an Early Childhood Development Center serves the Pre-School and Kindergarten students, five elementary schools include grades first through fifth, an intermediate school includes grades sixth and seventh, the junior high school includes grades eighth and ninth, and the high school includes grades tenth through twelfth. In addition, Penasco School, a rural school, is part of the Artesia Public School district and includes grades Kindergarten through eighth. An Alternative School offered at Artesia High School concludes the academic and educational programs offered. Approximately 430 employees comprise the staff at APS.

The School: Artesia High School is the only high school located in Artesia, New Mexico, and serves approximately 800 students. Academic excellence and activity/athletic success are dual goals of the school board, faculty, student body, and community. Students are encouraged to participate in dual credit enrollment with the area junior colleges. A wide variety of "School to Work" programs are offered as well as Honors and Advanced Placement courses.

Accreditation: Artesia High School is accredited by the New Mexico Public Education Department (NM PED).

The Curriculum: Students attend classes for seven periods in a school day earning one credit per successfully completed class per semester. In addition to the class and credit requirements, students are required to score proficient on a six-part comprehensive state competency examination (PARCC assessment for English Language Arts and Mathematics and New Mexico Standards Based Assessment for science) or an alternative demonstration of competency in order to receive a diploma of excellence.

Honors courses are offered in English (I, II), Mathematics (Algebra I, II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus), Science (Chemistry I, Biology I, and Anatomy and Physiology). Advanced Placement courses are offered in English (English Language and Composition III, English Literature and Composition IV), Mathematics (Calculus AB, Statistics), History (US History, World History, and US Government), Science (Chemistry), and Art (Studio Art). Students completing AP courses must complete the AP exam. Dual credit courses are offered in English Composition, College Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Statistics, Economics, and US Government as well as in the form of business courses, nursing and health occupations, computer based engineering graphics, metal fabrication, automotive, mass media, and online courses such as Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Sociology.

Grades are based on a 4.0 grading scale and grade point averages are computed on work completed during 9th through 12th grades. Elective courses are not counted in the solid grade point average; however, they are calculated in the overall grade point average. Solid grade point averages are used for the purposes of class ranking and scholarship requirements. Class rank is based upon cumulative solid semester grades. Honors and AP classes are weighted grade points while the ranking system is not weighted. Final rank in class is determined by eight semesters of cumulative solid grades. Honors and Highest Honor ranking order for graduation is based upon 7 completed or previous semester data.

Graduation Requirements	
8	English
8	Mathematics
6	Science (2 credits must be in a lab science)
7	Social Sciences: U.S. History (2), World History (2), Government/Economics (2), NM History (1)
2	Physical Education
1	Health Education
2	Career Cluster, Workplace Readiness, or language other than English
15	Elective Credits
1	APS Requirement (one additional elective course)
50 Credits are required for graduation	
*Two of the above credits must be earned in one of the following: Advanced Placement, Honors, Dual	

Grading Key and GPA Points		
<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Letter</i>	<i>Weight</i>
90-100	A	4.0 or 4.5 (H or Solid DC) or 5.0 (AP)
80-89	B	3.0 or 3.5 (H or Solid DC) or 5.0 (AP)
70-79	C	2.0 or 2.5 (H or Solid DC) or 5.0 (AP)
60-69	D	1.0 or 1.5 (H or Solid DC) or 5.0 (AP)
59 & Below	F	0.0
Transcript Legend		
NC	= No Credit	MNC = Medical No Credit
S	= Credit/Pass	1, 2 = Fall Spring Semesters
@	= Dual Credit	3, 4 = Summer I, Summer II
*	= Honors	H = Hold (Pending Payment)
+	= AP+AP Test	ESL = English as Second Language
#	= Online/Correspondence (Distance) Course	

Extra-Curricular Activities and Organizations: Artesia High School offers students many opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities and student organizations. Students have been very successful in their endeavors winning local, regional, state, and national recognition. Some student activities and organizations include Business Professionals of America, FFA, NM STEM Challenge, Skills USA, performing arts, band, choir, journalism, yearbook, and student council. Competitive sports include: basketball, baseball, bowling, football, track and field, soccer, cross-country, swimming, golf, volleyball, softball, tennis, rodeo, and cheerleading.

Academic Profile of the Class of 2019: The Class of 2019 had 264 graduates. Fifty-one percent indicated they planned to attend a 4-year college or university immediately after high school; twenty-seven percent indicated they planned to attend a 2-year institution or enroll for skills training; four percent indicated they planned to join the military; three percent indicated they planned to enter the workforce. Seniors also received scholarship awards and/or recognition from numerous national, local, and university scholarship programs. Scholarship awards to seniors, if accepted and renewed, totaled more than \$3,536,563.

College Entrance Exam Mean Scores:		
Year	ACT	SAT
2013/14	20.4	ERW 524; M 550
2014/15	20.2	ERW 479; M 482
2015/16	19.2	ERW 506; M 450
2016/17	19.5	ERW 563; M 559
2017/18	19.8	ERW 532; M 522
2018/19		ERW 519; M 506

ACT Scholars	
2002/03- 16	2008/09- 10
2003/04- 12	2009/10- 8
2004/05- 14	2010/11- 12
2005/06- 16	2011/12- 19
2006/07- 13	2012/13- 11
2007/08- 14	
*Program discontinued after 2012/2013	

National Merit Scholars	
2000/01- 2	2004/05- 2
2001/02- 2	2005/06- 1
2002/03- 1	2006/07- 1
2003/04- 2	2017/18- 1

National Hispanic Scholars
2002/03- 1
2003/04- 2
2005/06- 1
2006/07- 1
2011/2012- 1

New Mexico Report Card Grade:
2015/2016- B
2016/2017- C
2017/2018- C