

## Mission

The mission of the New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD), New Mexico's first public school, is to provide for the unique needs of children and students who are deaf/hard of hearing, their families, and professional partners by providing a comprehensive array of school and statewide programs.



## Beliefs

As a school, NMSD provides an American Sign Language and English bilingual learning environment that includes direct, ongoing access to language and communication in and out of the classroom with a wide range of peers and adults. The students are interactive learners who receive dynamic high quality standards-based instruction in a variety of curricular and extra-curricular activities.

As a statewide service agency, NMSD collaborates with families, school districts, agencies and communities throughout the state to meet the critical language, communication, and learning needs of children and students in New Mexico who are deaf/hard of hearing, birth through high school.

## Population Served

Any individual 18 months to 21 years living in New Mexico with a diagnosed hearing loss can be considered for school enrollment and attend free of charge

Children and youth who are enrolled in public school programs, their families and educational teams, are eligible for outreach services



## Funding

- Land grant (majority)
- State funding
- Federal funds



## Individuals Interviewed

Dr. Dena Fahlquist - audiologist at NMSD  
Dr. Sheree Hall- Director of Audiology Services

## Onsite Services Provided

School Programs

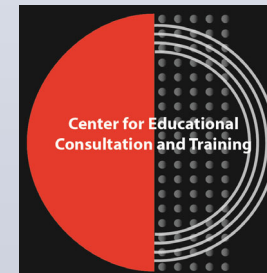
- Early Childhood
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- Transition services

Within the Schools

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Art therapy
- Audiology services
- Speech and Language therapy
- Counseling
- Social Work services
- Behavioral services with BCBA
- Health center in Santa Fe with 24/7 nursing staff
- Transportation up to 60 miles to school

Residential program offered to students who live 60+ miles from school and do not need 1:1 supervision

- Houses up to 96 students during the week
- Students live in cottages under the supervision of trained Student Life Educators



## Statewide Services

Educational Consultation Team

- Assistance to the student's educational team
- IEP attendance
- Student observation and evaluations
- Program or student-specific workshops

Parent Infant Child Program

- Specialized curricula to develop American Sign Language (ASL) and/or spoken language
- Comprehensive developmental evaluations
- Multiple cooperative agreements with early childhood and state agencies to share resources
- Service Coordination for children ages birth to 3 years of age
- Transition to school programs
- Parent-to-parent network

Deaf Mentor Program

- Demonstrate and teach natural communication strategies
- Teach sign language
- Share their experiences growing up as a deaf or hard of hearing person
- Support families in making connections within the deaf and hard of hearing community in order to foster positive self-identity for their child

