



New Mexico School Boards Association

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EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Excellence in Student Achievement Award program seeks to promote student achievement in school districts and assist local school boards in recognizing school leaders, staff and other individuals who have played an important role in improving student achievement at the local level.

Guidelines for Award Presentation

This award is sponsored by NMSBA and presented on behalf of NMSBA by each local school board in New Mexico. The award will have the NMSBA name and logo engraved on it along with the name of the award. One award per district will be purchased by NMSBA and will be sent to the district for presentation. (*Special Note: Recipient name is not engraved on the award*)

Districts wishing to present more than one award will be assessed the cost of the additional award which is approximately \$50.00 per award.

Criteria for the Award

Each district's local school board will choose the recipient through an open nomination process. The process for selection will be at the discretion of the local board of education.

The recipient either is an individual or group that played an important role in improving student achievement at the district level. Recipients may include the following: school board member, administrator, teacher, staff member, parent, community member or volunteer.

Special Note: Students who have achieved success in academics should not be nominated for this award but rather should be nominated for the NMSBA Scholarship Award Program later this year.

Timeline

January 15, 2026	Nomination forms are e-mailed by NMSBA to all school boards and superintendents.
March 6, 2026	Deadline for local district to send the name of award recipient(s) to NMSBA.
April 3, 2026 Est.	Awards are mailed to participating districts. NMSBA prepares and sends out a statewide press release to local media with recipient names and award background information.
April - May 2026	School boards present awards at regular or special meetings.



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NOMINATION FORM

District Name: _____

Name of Recipient: _____
(Please type or print and check appropriate box)

- School Board Member*
- Administrator*
- Staff Member*
- Parent*

- Community Member*
- Volunteer*
- Other* _____

School Board President's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please email or fax to: Elizabeth Egelhoff, Program Director
 New Mexico School Boards Association
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Deadline: **March 6, 2026**