



## A 21ST CENTURY LEARNING COMMUNITY

### Introduction

Taos Academy Charter School is a state charter public school offering a dynamic and innovative educational delivery system. Taos Academy provides a free public educational choice to students of all ability levels and educational needs from grades five through twelve. It is our privilege to provide students with an engaging and rigorous core curriculum, highly motivating elective classes, leadership and career training, college preparation and community involvement through our state-of-the-art 21st century learning environment. The school opened in the Fall of 2009 and graduated its first senior class in the Spring of 2011.

### By the Numbers

|                |                                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grades<br>9-12 | 173<br>Students Enrolled       | 62%<br>BIPOC Students    |
|                | 44<br>Seniors<br>Class of 2023 | 52%<br>Federal Lunch Aid |
|                | 99%<br>Course Pass Rate        | 92%<br>Graduation Rate   |

### Curriculum

At Taos Academy, we teach both traditional and 21st Century subjects, but we do so in a different format and style than a traditional school. The academic program is organized on a rotating block schedule. Each block class meets every other day and students are responsible for independent learning on the other days. Because of the pandemic, some students have opted for all virtual classes through a FLEX schedule.

## School Profile 2022-23

### Executive Director/Superintendent

Dr. Traci Filiss, EdD

### Director of Teaching & Learning/ Principal

Elizabeth LeBlanc

### Counseling Team

Angelina Vialpando and Melissa Montoya

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### School Rankings

#### U.S. News & World Report

- Best High Schools (2019)
- #26 Top New Mexico High Schools (2021)
- #546 Top Charter High Schools USA (2021)

**Community Disruption from COVID-19:** Due to its nature as a blended learning school, Taos Academy's academic programming and high expectations for our students continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We made no changes to our grading scales, policies, or requirements for graduation. For students who were unable to take state tests for graduation competencies, a local demonstration of mastery was put into place. While instruction moved to largely virtual (using a combination of synchronous and asynchronous engagement), we did not dramatically change our instructional methods, schedules, course offerings, or academic calendar. We could not be more proud of our students and their hard work during this challenging time!

### Class of 2022

33 Graduates

- 5 earned a 4.0+
- 4 earned 3.5-3.99
- 9 earned 3.0-3.49
- 9 earned 2.50-2.99
- 5 earned 2.0-2.49
- 1 earned less than 2.0

### 1 National Merit Finalist

**Standardized Testing:** 15 of 33 took the SATs, Mean total score was 1086 ERW 556, and Math 530

## GPA Calculation and Grading

TA grades will be calculated on a 4.0 scale; Honors coursework and Dual Credit classes will be weighted on a 5.0 scale. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. Passing mark is 60%. A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation.

## Class Rank

Grades are recorded on the transcript and an exact, weighted GPA is computed at the end of each semester in January and May. Final class rank is determined at the end of Semester 1 senior year.

## Honors classes offered

- English I, II, III, and IV
- Algebra I & II, Precalculus, Geometry, Probability & Statistics
- Environmental Science, Biology, Physics, Physical Science, Chemistry,
- US Economics, US Government, US History, and World History

\*Students may opt to take an honors class but must pass the course with a 75% to receive the honors credit.

**The College Link (CL)** program serves as a support for participating dual credit students. It is open to eligible juniors and seniors with 3.0 GPA or higher. College Link students develop an individualized class schedule with their CL Advisor and may attend UNM-Taos campus classes during the week (Monday-Saturday). The flexible nature of our CL program was created to allow students more class choices throughout the week. Therefore, students are held accountable for demonstrated self-direction and motivation while successfully observing both UNM and Taos Academy academic requirements and school policies.

Taos Academy does not currently offer AP® courses

## Class of 2023

Graduation Date **05/19/2023**

Class Size: **44**

Highest GPA: **4.2895**

## Standardized Testing

44 of 44 have taken the SATs. Mean total score was 917, ERW 476 and Math 441

## Colleges Attended by TA Graduates

- Adams State College, CO
- Arizona State University
- Central NM Community College
- Colorado State University
- Columbia University, NY
- Denver Metro College
- Eastern New Mexico University
- Emerson College, MA
- Fashion Institute of Technology, NY
- Fort Lewis College, CO
- Grand Canyon University
- Lewis & Clark College
- McMurry University, TX
- Midland College, TX
- New Mexico Tech
- New Mexico Highlands University
- New Mexico Military Institute
- New Mexico State University
- Northern Michigan University
- Regis University, CO
- Stanford University, CA
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of New Mexico
- University of New Mexico, Taos
- Universal Technical Institute, AZ

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