

Preschool and Prekindergarten Programs

New Mexico's Pre-Kindergarten (PreK) initiative prepares three- and four-year-old children for success in school through funding from two agencies, the Public Education Department (PED) and the Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD). It was created by the Pre-Kindergarten Act of 2005 and has been expanded over time. The purpose of the PreK program is to ensure that every child in New Mexico has the opportunity to attend a high-quality, early childhood education program before entering kindergarten by increasing access to voluntary high-quality pre-kindergarten programs and expanding early childhood community capacity. The program also strives to provide developmentally appropriate activities for New Mexico children, support linguistically and culturally appropriate curriculum and focus on school readiness. New Mexico PreK programs are rapidly expanding, but not currently available in all areas. Many NM PreK classes (free) are offered by private preschool and prekindergarten programs in conjunction with their own PreK (fee based) program. You can find more information at either the PED website at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/early-childhood-bureau/>, or the ECECD website at <https://www.newmexicoprek.org/> (ECECD's site has a listing of all their NM PreK programs).

There are many private preschool and prekindergarten programs in the Albuquerque area. There is a listing of those programs with basic information taken from each school's website to help you in selecting a program.

A listing in this section does not assume a certain level of quality or a verification of information. It is strongly recommended you validate the credentials of any program you choose. One indicator of a high-quality early childhood education program is being accredited by nationally recognized organization. The accrediting agencies have high standards that often go above and beyond our state's minimum licensing requirements for childcare centers. The most stringent early childhood education accreditation body is the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), other nationally recognized accreditation organizations are the Council on Accreditation (COA), the National Accreditation Commission (NAC), and the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA). As there are numerous PreK and private programs that are accredited, I have not included information on non-accredited programs.

Tuition Costs- Tuition amounts are given for informational purposes only. The tuition price listed is the advertised price on the school's website and are current as of July 2023, unless otherwise noted. There is no guarantee these are the current prices. Most schools offer discounts for a variety of reasons. Tuition costs listed include any fees, including registration and fundraising requirements.

The interactive [Kirtland AFB Preschool and PreK Programs map](#) allows you to view program locations, with options to see NM PreK- ECECD (free), NM PreK- PED (free), Private PreK (fee based), and Head Start (free for eligible families) programs.

Albuquerque Area Preschool/Prekindergarten Accredited Programs

*NM PreK program- PED

^NM PreK program- ECECD

+ Also offers elementary grades from kindergarten through at least 5th grade

Preschool/Prekindergarten

A Child's Garden

AF Child Development Center- Gibson CDC

AF Child Development Center- Maxwell CDC

*Albuquerque Bilingual Academy+

Albuquerque Christian School+

Albuquerque Preschool Cooperative

*Albuquerque Public School Prekindergarten+

^All Seasons Day School

^Alvarado Day School

Annunciation Elementary School+

Calvary Christian Academy+

Calvary Preschool

^Catholic Charities Children's Learning Center

^Childco Day School

Christ Lutheran School+

*Christine Duncan Charter School+

^Christina Kent Early Childhood Center

^City of ABQ Child Development Programs

^CLNKids (Cuidando Los Ninos)

*Coral Community Charter School+

^Coronado Children's Center

Covenant School Del Norte

Crestview Christian Academy+

Cross of Hope Preschool+

Eastern Hills Christian Academy+

Escuela del Sol Montessori+

Heights Christian Preschool and Daycare

Holy Ghost Catholic School+

Hope Christian Schools+

*Horizon Academy West+

Immanuel Lutheran School+

Kiddie Academy of North Albuquerque

Kids Under Construction

^KinderCare (1 site NMPreK-4 sites total)

^La Esperanza Child Development Center

^La Petite Academy (9 sites)

Legacy Academy+

^Little Corral Day School

^Little Flower Learning Center

Manzano Day School+

*Mission Achievement and Success 1.0

*Mission Achievement and Success 2.0

*Montessori of the Rio Grande+

Mountain View Academy West+

^New Mexico Early Learning Academy

^Noah's Ark Children's Center (3 sites)

*North Valley Academy Charter School

Oak Grove Classical Academy+

Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic School+

^Our Place Creative Learning Center

Paradise Hills Community Preschool

^PB&J Family Services (3 sites)

Saint John's United Methodist Church Preschool

Salam Academy+

San Felipe de Neri School+

Shandiin Child Development Center

Shepherd of the Valley Preschool

^Southwest Child Care Early Learning Center
(3 sites)

Springstone Montessori School (3 sites)

St. Luke's Preschool

St. Mark's in the Valley Day School

St. Mary's School+

St. Therese Catholic School+

Sunset Mesa Schools

*The International School at Mesa del Sol^ +

^UNM Children's Campus

^Western Heights Learning Center

^Youth Development, Inc. Head Start (21 sites)

Albuquerque Preschool/Prekindergarten Accredited Programs

A Child's Garden, 215 Locust NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 764-2920, Ages: 3 months-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <http://www.achildsgardenabq.org/home>

About 150 infants, toddlers, and preschoolers are welcomed at A Child's Garden each day. Thirty competent and caring teachers and resource staff support the children's growth and development in a child-centered setting. Half-day, extended day and full day programs function according to high-quality standards established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

AF Child Development Center, Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, NM 87117, Gibson CDC (505) 846-1103- Gibson Blvd & Texas St, Maxwell CDC (505) 853-5521, Maxwell Housing Area, Ages: 6 weeks-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <http://kirtlandforcesupport.com/cdc/>

They are extremely proud of the Kirtland Air Force Base Child Development Centers (CDC's) facilities and the dynamic programs available to your children! Their centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and certified by the Department of Defense (DoD). Their policies and Procedures are based on Air Force Instruction 34-248, Department of Defense Instruction 6060.2, Air Force Inspection Checklist, and local operation instructions. The CDCs offer care, guidance, and developmental activities for your children while you fulfill your obligations to the Air Force or enjoy educational, recreational, or social opportunities. A schedule of activities, including meal and nap times, is posted in each area. This is a flexible schedule which allows Child Development Program Associates (CDPAs) to respond to children's individual needs and provide you with general times for scheduled activities.

Albuquerque Bilingual Academy (NM PreK), 7500 La Morada NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 836-7706, Grades: PK-8, Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, Authorizer: PEC, website: www.lpelc.com, Student enrollment: 379, School wide Title 1 Program, Transportation: Yes, Westside bus

Albuquerque Bilingual Academy ensures that culturally and linguistically diverse students thrive in an academic, family centered, developmentally seamless continuum of learning, where high expectations, respect and empowerment meet grade level proficiency.

Albuquerque Christian School, 7201-B Montgomery Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 872-0777, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Christian- Non-Denominational, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, NCSA, NMPED, website: www.acsrams.com/

Albuquerque Christian school is an educational choice in Albuquerque for families seeking a Christ centered community. Our student focused environment is dedicated to academic excellence and the development of the whole person, guiding our students to become graduates that are committed to leadership and service through Jesus Christ.

Albuquerque Preschool Cooperative, 606 Candelaria Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 344-0389, Ages: 2-5-year-olds, PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <https://www.abqpreschoolcoop.com/>

Albuquerque Preschool Cooperative is Albuquerque's first parent-involved cooperative preschool. Founded in 1965, they have been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) since 1995. They hold a five-star license from the State of New Mexico. Their child-centered philosophy believes each child is a unique individual. Their school follows the Creative Curriculum. This play-based curriculum supports their philosophy, which is that children grow and learn best in an unhurried, non-stressful environment where peers, teachers, and family all play an important role. They plan and implement a wide variety of developmentally appropriate learning experiences to enhance your child's physical, motor, language, literacy, social, emotional, and creative development. They have a weekly Spanish curriculum in all of their classrooms. They work daily to maintain an environmentally aware program. Their program strives for diversity in terms of their families, the learning environment, and activities offered.

Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) Prekindergarten (NM PreK), locations listed below, (505) 253-0320 ext. 67082, Ages: PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, website: <http://www.aps.edu/schools/pre-k-and-child-development>

NM PreK is a voluntary program for four-year-olds. A child must be four years of age prior to 12:00 AM of September 1 and live within the attendance zone of a Title I School to participate. To enroll your child, you will need to contact the school. To learn more about the PreK program, please contact the Early Childhood Office at (505) 253-0320 ext. 67082.

****Schools that offer Special Education Developmental Preschool Programs**

A. Montoya Elementary (East Mtn)**

24 Public School Road
(505) 281-0880

Bel-Air Elementary

4725 Candelaria Rd NE
(505) 888-4033

Adobe Acres Elementary

1724 Camino Del Valle SW
(505) 877-4799

Bellehaven Elementary

8701 Princess Jeanne St NE
(505) 298-7489

Alameda Elementary

Alameda Blvd NW
(505) 898-0070

Carlos Rey Elementary

1215 Cerrillos Rd SW
(505) 836-7738

Alamosa Elementary

6500 Sunset Gardens Rd SW
(505) 831-5643

Chaparral Elementary**

6325 Milne Rd NW
(505) 831-3301

Alvarado Elementary

1100 Solar Rd NW
(505) 344-4412

Cochiti Elementary**

3100 San Isidro Rd NW
(505) 345-1432

Apache Elementary

12800 Copper St. NE
(505) 292-7735

Collet Park Elementary**

2100 Morris St NE
(505) 298-3010

Armijo Elementary

1440 Gatewood Rd SW
(505) 877-2920

Comanche Elementary

3505 Pennsylvania St NE
(505) 884-5275

Atrisco Elementary

1201 Atrisco Rd SW
(505) 877-2772

Dennis Chavez Elementary**

7500 Barstow St NE
(505) 821-1810

Barcelona Elementary

2311 Barcelona Rd SW
(505) 877-0400

Dolores Gonzales Elementary

900 Atlantic St SW
(505) 764-2020

Duranes Elementary
2436 Zickert Rd. NW
(505) 764-2017

East San Jose Elementary
415 Thaxton Ave SE
(505) 764-2005

E.G. Ross Elementary
6700 Palamoas Ave NE
(505) 821-0185

Eldorado High School Pre-K
11300 Montgomery Blvd. NE
(505) 296-4871

Emerson Elementary
620 Georgia St SE
(505) 255-9091

Eugene Field Elementary
700 Edith Blvd NE
(505) 764-2014

Governor Bent Elementary School
5700 Hendrix Rd NE
(505) 881-9797

Hawthorne Elementary
420 General Somervell St NE
(505) 299-4424

Helen Cordero Primary School
8800 Eucariz NW
(505) 833-5830

Hodgin Elementary school**
3801 Morningside Dr NE
(505) 881-9855

Janet Kahn
9717 Indian School Rd. NE
(505) 299-4483

Kirtland Elementary**
3530 Gibson Blvd SE
(505) 255-3131

Kit Carson Elementary
1921 Byron Ave SW
(505) 877-2724

La Mesa Elementary
7500 Copper Ave NE
(505) 262-1581

Lavaland Elementary
501 57th St NW
(505) 836-4911

Los Padillas Elementary
2525 Los Padillas Rd SW
(505) 877-0108

Los Ranchos Elementary
7609 4th Street NW
(505) 898-0794

MacArthur Elementary**
1100 MacArthur Rd NW
(505) 344-1482

Manzano High School PreK
12200 Lomas Blvd NE
(505) 559-2200

Manzano Mesa Elementary**
801 Elizabeth St SE
(505) 292-6707

Mark Twain Elementary**
6316 Constitution Ave NE
(505) 255-8337

MaryAnn Binford Elementary
1400 Corris SW
(505) 836-0623

Matheson Park Elementary
10809 Lexington St NE
(505) 291-6837

McCollum Elementary**
10900 San Jacinto NE
(505) 298-5009

Mission Avenue Elementary
725 Mission Ave NE
(505) 344-5269

Mountain View Elementary
5317 Second St. SW
(505) 877-3800

Navajo Elementary
2936 Hughes Rd SW
(505) 873-8512

Susie Rayos Marmon Elementary
1800 72nd St NW
(505) 831-5400

Painted Sky Elementary
8101 Gavin Dr NW
(505) 836-7763

Valle Vista Elementary**
1700 Mae Avenue SW
(505) 836-4211

Pajarito Elementary**
2701 Don Felipe SW
(505) 877-9718

Ventana Ranch Elementary
6801 Ventana Village Rd NW
(505) 890-7375

Petroglyph Elementary**
5100 Marna Lynn Ave NW
(505) 898-0923

Wherry Elementary
Bldg. 25000, Kirtland AFB East
(505) 268-2434

Rudolfo Anaya Elementary
2800 Vermejo Park SW
(505) 452-3137

Whittier Elementary
1110 Quincy St SE
(505) 255-2008

Sierra Vista Elementary
10220 Paseo Del Norte NW
(505) 898-0272

Zuni Elementary
6300 Claremont Ave NE
(505) 881-8313

All Seasons Day School (NM PreK), 7700 Zuni Rd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108,
(505) 266-3000, Ages: Infant-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, website:
<http://www.abqchildcare.com/all-seasons-day-school>

At All Seasons Day School, they commit to high quality care and education, ensuring your child will receive the personal support and attention necessary to build trust and confidence. Their well-educated staff demonstrate love, integrity, generosity, self-discipline, and hard work. Teaching all the necessary abilities to prepare children for school and to influence long-lasting understanding in today's youth for tomorrow's promises, they commit to high quality care and education, insuring your child will receive the personal support and attention necessary to build trust and confidence.

Alvarado Day School (NM PreK), 300 Alvarado Dr. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, (505) 266-5846, Ages: Infant-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, website: <http://www.abqchildcare.com/alvarado-day-school>

Their goal is to provide you with quality and affordable services. Since their first early childhood learning center was established, they've been at the forefront of infant care, Pre-K, early education, and before and after school programs. ABQ Child Care Learning Centers commit to high quality care and education, insuring your child will receive the personal support and attention necessary to build trust and confidence. They know that selecting quality childcare can be a challenge; therefore, choosing a correct early child learning center is a vital decision to make as parent.

Annunciation Elementary School, 2610 Utah St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 299-6783, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: www.annunciationcatholicschoolabq.org/

They awaken, recognize, and honor the God given abilities of each student by providing active learning experiences using innovative techniques and cutting-edge technology. They challenge students to accept responsibility to continue Jesus' mission by being people of prayer, service, wisdom, and compassion. Annunciation Catholic School's mission is to provide a Christ-like and learner friendly environment to better serve God and community.

Calvary Christian Academy, 12820 Indian School Rd., Albuquerque, NM 87112, (505) 842-8681, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, ACTS, Cognia/NCA CASI, NCPSA, NMPED, website: <http://www.calvarychristianacademyabq.org/>

They are an accredited pre-K through 12th grade school with a long tradition of education. Their faculty is dedicated to helping students succeed in today's world. They adapt their curriculum to meet the needs of their diverse student body, taking into account the many ways in which students learn. Anchored by their Christian beliefs, they excel at one-on-one interaction with their teachers, their fine arts program, enriching academic learning with long-term projects and extracurricular activities, and fostering diversity on campus and in the Albuquerque area.

Calvary Preschool, 4001 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 338-4848, Grades: PreK (3- and 4-year-olds), School Type: Christian, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, NMPED, website:
<https://calvarychurchpreschool.com/>

Calvary Preschool staff strives to glorify God by providing an orderly, nurturing, and stimulating atmosphere for development as children begin to explore the world around them. Each child in Calvary Preschool will grow mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually as they interact with a loving, caring group of adults and peers outside of their family. The Calvary Preschool program's daily environment includes guided exploration with toys and educational manipulatives that stimulate learning, peer interaction that stimulates social growth, and a creative, hands-on academic and Bible curriculum that is appropriate for each child's spiritual and academic growth and development.

Catholic Charities Children's Learning Center (NM PreK), 2010 Bridge Blvd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105, (505) 724-4645, Ages: 1 month-PreK, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed, Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, website:
<https://www.ccasnm.org/clc>

The Catholic Charities Children's Learning Center dedicated team of trained, experienced, and compassionate teachers are committed to providing an exceptional infant, toddler, preschool, and after-school program. At their center, your child will explore, discover, grow, and THRIVE in a safe and nurturing environment. As a five-star licensed and accredited preschool program, we strive to give young children the necessary foundation for a successful transition to kindergarten.

Their curriculum is designed to develop critical thinking skills, encourage creativity, and foster a lifelong love of learning. They recognize and respect the cultural diversity of children and families in our community. That's why they offer a bilingual curriculum and provide a variety of multicultural learning materials and experiences. Their goal is to create a warm and welcoming environment where children can learn and grow while celebrating their unique backgrounds.

They look forward to partnering with you to support your child's development and prepare them for a bright future.

Childco Day School (NM PreK), 3901 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 881-3611, Ages: Infant-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, website: <https://www.abqchildcare.com/childco-day-school>

Childco Day School is a phenomenal early childhood program that integrates understanding and also play serving family members in Albuquerque. Their mission is to make a difference in the lives of children. At Childco Day School, their company believe that every child is a precious. Social, physical, emotional, as well as intellectual are all very important skills in early childhood development. When your child is in their care, it is their purpose to meet these needs. They strive to construct confidence and good mindsets. They believe a sensation of self-worth is among the greatest qualities that they can instill in your child, so rest assured that your kid will certainly receive the ideal offered treatment at Childco Day School.

Christ Lutheran School, 7701 Candelaria Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 884-3876, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), coed. Accreditations/Associations: NLSA, NMPED, website: <https://www.clsabq.com>

They are a Christian School dedicated to raising up children of Character who excel academically. They offer a full preschool through 8th grade program, designed to train minds academically, develop character spiritually, and instill hearts of servant leadership in all their students. Their teaching staff provides living models for young hearts and minds combined with an excellent education in a loving and "family" environment in which all students learn and grow. They are committed to their core values in providing academic excellence, spiritual growth, and character development. Their competitive curriculum encourages their students to be confident and competent as they prepare for high school, college, and meaningful adult lives. They welcome families from all financial, religious, and cultural backgrounds.

Christine Duncan's Heritage Academy (NM PreK), 1900 Atrisco Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 839-4971, Grades: PreK-8, Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, Authorizer: APS, website: <https://www.christineduncan.org/>

Christine Duncan Charter School will promote social and high academic achievement with differentiated instruction to strive to meet grade level proficiency in a dual language setting. They value environmental stewardship, active community participation, family centered learning and cultural diversity.

Christina Kent Early Childhood Center (NM PreK), 423 Third St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 242-0557, Ages: 2 years-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <http://christinakent.org/>

The mission of Christina Kent Early Childhood Center (CKECC) is to serve the children of economically diverse working families with quality childcare, early education, and nutritional services in a safe and nurturing environment. Christina Kent Early Childhood Center is a private, non-profit corporation founded in 1919. It is the oldest continuously operating child-care center in the Albuquerque area. Originally called the Albuquerque Day Nursery, the Center has maintained its guiding mission through the years.

City of Albuquerque Child Development Centers (NM PreK), 2200 University Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 767-6500, Ages: 3-5 years old, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <https://www.cabq.gov/family/child-and-family-development>

The Division of Child and Family Development Services has a partnership with Albuquerque Public Schools and community agencies to offer comprehensive child and family development programs whose mission is to promote empowerment of families, including teen parents by, enhancing the unique strengths of each family through intensive, comprehensive, and integrated supported services. These services include an Early Head Start Program with eight sites for income eligible families with children birth to 3 years of age and 18 child development centers for preschool children, ages 3-5 years of age, of working or student parents who meet income guidelines. The child development centers emphasize developmentally appropriate curriculum including early literacy in a safe, quality, learning environment. The Division of Child and Family Development Services is committed to supporting families in working towards self-sufficiency and raising a generation of healthy, self-realized children as a basic foundation for economic development.

Alamosa CDC
6900 Gonzales SW
(505) 836-8764

Emerson CDC
620 Georgia SE
(505) 255-9091 x48145

Barelas CDC
1440 Iron SW
(505) 764-3235

Hawthorne CDC
445 Erbbe NE
(505) 291-6236

Carlos Rey CDC
1310 Delgado SW
(505) 836-8704

Herman Sanchez CDC
1830 William SE
(505) 244-6663

Duranes CDC
2436 Zickert NW
(505) 764-1521

La Mesa CDC
7500 Copper NE
(505) 256-2063

Los Volcanes CDC
6500 Los Volcanes NW
(505) 836-8796

Lowell CDC
1700 Sunshine Terrace SE
(505) 764-1522

MacArthur CDC
1100 Douglas MacArthur NW
(505) 761-4023

Manzano Mesa CDC
801 Elizabeth SE
(505) 291-6227

McKinley CDC
3401 Monroe NE
(505) 888-8134

Plaza Feliz CDC
517 San Pablo SE
Building K
(505) 255-0201

Singing Arrow CDC
13001 Singing Arrow SE
(505) 291-6230

Tomasita CDC
701 Tomasita NE
(505) 291-6228

Tres Manos CDC
823 Buena Vista SE
(505) 3848-1310

Vincent E. Griego CDC
1812 Candelaria NW
(505) 342-1415

City of Albuquerque Pre-Kindergarten Program, 1820 Randolph Rd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 767-6500, Grades: PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <https://www.cabq.gov/family/child-and-family-development>

Their Pre-Kindergarten Centers are a one-year program prior to entering kindergarten. Children that are 4 years old before Sept. 1 are eligible.

Alamosa PreK
6900 Gonzales SW
(505) 836-8764

Barelas PreK
1440 Iron SW
(505) 764-3235

Carlos Rey PreK
1310 Delgado SW
(505) 836-8704

Duranés PreK
2436 Zickert NW
(505) 764-2017 x55788

Emerson PreK
620 Georgia SE
(505) 255-9091 x48145

Governor Bent PreK
5700 Hendrix NE
(505) 804-3621

Hawthorne CDC
445 Erbbe NE
(505) 291-6236

La Luz PreK
225 Griegos NW
(505) 761-8415 x53109

Longfellow PreK
400 Edith Blvd NE
(505) 765-1966

Los Volcanes CDC
6500 Los Volcanes NW
(505) 836-8796

Manzano Mesa PreK
801 Elizabeth SE
(505) 291-6227

Singing Arrow CDC
13001 Singing Arrow SE
(505) 291-6230

Plaza Feliz CDC
517 San Pablo SE
Building K
(505) 255-0201

Vincent E. Griego PreK
1812 Candelaria NW
(505) 342-1410

CLNKids (Cuidando Los Ninos), 1500 Walter St SE, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 843-6899, Ages: 6 weeks-5-year-olds, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <http://www.clnkids.org>

CLNkids provides high-quality early child development services for homeless children under the age of 6.

Coral Community School (NM PreK), 4261 Balloon Park Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 292-6725, Grades: PK-8, Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, website: www.coralcharter.com

Coral Community Charter School is dedicated to providing single-gender classes, quality instruction, individualization, and family/community involvement to ensure students' proficiency in kindergarten-sixth grade.

Coronado Children's Center (NM PreK), 7106 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 883-1177, Ages: 2 years-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, website: <http://coronadochildrenscenter.com/>

They want to provide all of the children in their center, a clean, safe, comfortable, loving environment where they can play and learn. They believe in the value of both structured and flexible schedules. Structured activities will include a preschool curriculum, regular reading times, arts and crafts, and musical activities. Flexible activities will include outdoor play and free play. The most important priority is to have fun. Please don't expect their environment or your child to be perfectly clean at pickup time. They do lots of activities that are messy and will do their best to maintain cleanliness and order, but fun and the wellbeing of the children will always take precedence over cleaning.

Covenant School Del Norte, 7120 Wyoming Blvd NE, Suite 19A, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 856-5493, Ages: 6 weeks-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, website: <http://www.covenantschools.com/>

Covenant Schools offers the highest quality developmental care for children at every stage of early childhood. Covenant Schools offers 5 different programs for the unique needs of every age group: Infant, Toddlers, Twos, Beginners Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten program. Their early learning center curriculum provides a phonetic foundation for early reading and encompasses academic learning within language arts, science, arithmetic, social studies, and the Bible. They encourage exploration, experimentation and growth in a well-equipped environment that is stimulating, safe, consistent, and nurturing.

Crestview Christian Academy, 6000 Ouray Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 836-0536, Ages: PreK-8, Accreditations/Associations: AAASCU, NCPA, NMPED, website: <http://crestview22.adventistschoolconnect.org/>

The Crestview Christian Academy is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to provide a spiritually oriented education for children. A belief in the existence of the Creator God is fundamental in the philosophy of Seventh-day Adventist schools. They respect His divine authority and recognize His intervention in human affairs. They believe that true education develops the spiritual, mental, and physical powers of each student; preparing them for the joy of service in this life and for the higher joy of service in the life to come. The Crestview Christian Academy is operated in harmony with the guidance and direction of the Office of Education, North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Cross of Hope Preschool, 6104 Taylor Ranch Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 899-0928, Ages: 3- and 4-year-olds, Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, ELEA, website: <https://www.crossofhope.org/schools/>

Cross of Hope Preschool is a state licensed, 5-star rated and nationally accredited developmentally appropriate preschool for three- and four-year-old children. Cross of Hope Preschool teaches children the truths of God in a loving environment through a quality educational program that respects each child's development. They provide qualified teachers, a rich environment and curriculum with developmentally appropriate activities that will allow children to grow and develop as unique individuals as well as strengthen them spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically. The children attend weekly chapel and worship time as well as Spanish and music. Child-initiated activities will allow each child to make discoveries or practice skills at his/her own pace. Teacher directed activities encourage children to experience new ideas and concepts in a concrete way. Children develop self-confidence in their abilities and learn to cooperate with their classmates.

Eastern Hills Christian Academy, 3100 Morris St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 294-3373, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Christian, non-profit, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, Cognia/NCA CASI, NMPED, website:
<http://easternhillsca.com/>

At EHCA, they are committed to providing a strong educational foundation for lifelong learning. Their students are engaged in their challenging core curriculum taught from a biblical perspective. Every student will receive an education enhanced by enrichment classes in Spanish, music, art, PE, and chapel. Small class sizes allow their degreed educators, many holding advanced degrees, to give each child the attention and recognition they deserve. Their focus is on fostering curiosity while developing critical thinking skills, problem solving skills, study skills and compassionate, respectful behavior.

Escuela del Sol Montessori, 1114 7th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 242-3033, Grades: PK-6 School Type: Nonsectarian, Montessori, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: AMS, NCPSA, NMPED, website:
<http://escueladelosol.org/>

Escuela del Sol is an educational community that promotes the understanding of the interdependence of all life, values diversity, and encourages students of all ages to discover the role each plays in contributing to his or her community. Escuela del Sol Montessori is a not-for-profit school that runs an elementary education program and the Harwood, a community outreach program based in arts education and service. Escuela del Sol provides the best educational conditions available for holistic child development, in an environment where students, parents, and staff are treated with kindness and respect, and accepted as valued members of the school community.

Heights Christian Preschool and Daycare, 6935 Comanche Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 881-9529, Grades: 8 weeks-PreK, School Type: Christian, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, website:
<https://www.heightschristian.org/preschool-daycare.php>

To provide a safe, loving Christ-centered environment for children. Our services aspire to provide activities which promote physical, emotional, and individual growth and wellbeing. We strive to serve New Mexico children ages 8 weeks through elementary school age (before and after school care).

Holy Ghost Catholic School, 6201 Ross Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, (505) 256-1563, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: <https://hgcsabq.com/>

Holy Ghost Catholic School views parents as the primary persons in teaching children about values and spirituality while providing opportunities for the parents to be involved in the education of their children. Their Service-Learning Program provides opportunities for students to develop and enhance concepts and skills across the curriculum. Student participation in service exemplifies "Walking in the footsteps of Jesus". The school leadership and faculty have fully embraced the spirit of continuous improvement and use external methods of evaluation to help guide actions. Through the process of continuous improvement, HGCS earned the "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence" recognition by the US Department of Education in 2009.

Hope Christian Schools, 8005 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 821-2513, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: ICAA, Cognia/NCA CASI, NMPED, website: www.hopechristianschool.org/

Hope Christian School is a Christ-centered community that provides a safe environment, equipping students to grow to excellence spiritually, academically, physically, and socially, becoming passionate leaders who will transform the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They do so through a combination of Biblical worldview curricula, faculty who love the Lord, programs designed to exercise the students' body, mind, and spirit, and an unwavering commitment to follow God's will for Hope Christian School.

Horizon Academy West (NM PreK), 3021 Todos Santos NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, (505) 998-0459, Grades: PK-6, Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, Authorizer: PEC, website: www.hawest.net

Horizon Academy West has a commitment to educational excellence, and their staff is dedicated to providing a rigorous, creative, well-rounded education for all students. Their school is committed to helping each student master his or her subjects and learn to think- critically and creatively.

Immanuel Lutheran School, 300 Gold Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 243-2589, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), coed. Accreditations/Associations: NLSA, NMPED, website: <http://www.immanuelabq.org/>

Immanuel Lutheran School has been the education-mission arm of Immanuel Lutheran Church since 1924. The school offers rigorous academics and an array of extracurricular activities and athletics to students in grades Pre-K through 8th. The award-winning school is one of Albuquerque's jewels, having been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and nominated as an outstanding accreditation facility by the National Lutheran Schools Association.

Kiddie Academy of North Albuquerque, 7010 Alameda Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113, (505) 585-4725, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <https://kiddieacademy.com/academies/north-albuquerque/>

Every day your child's imagination grows, and their curiosity gathers momentum—nationally accredited Kiddie Academy of North Albuquerque empowers and celebrates all of it. Their Life Essentials® learning approach and curriculum encourages children to explore and progress in their own way, and at their own pace. At Kiddie Academy of North Albuquerque, your child will grow socially, physically, emotionally, and intellectually. Their highly trained teachers are there every step of the way to guide, nurture and cultivate your child's development.

Kids Under Construction, 4601 Juan Tabo Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 293-4448, Ages: 2 years-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: ACSI, website: <http://www.kucipreschool.com/>

Kids Under Construction, Inc. (KUCI) provides exceptional childcare and early childhood education for children ages two to five years old (Pre-K only). As an outreach ministry of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, they are committed to providing Biblically based and developmentally appropriate preschool program in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. Each one of their highly qualified and trained staff meets the requirements of state regulations for the operation of a Preschool and Day Care. In addition, KUCI is fully accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International. KUCI has a five-star license with the State of New Mexico and is regulated by the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department.

KinderCare (4 sites), various Albuquerque locations, Ages: 6 weeks-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <http://www.kindercare.com/>

Lower Terrace KinderCare
4515 Lower Terrace Circle NE
(505) 293-8426

Taylor Ranch KinderCare
5101 Montano Rd NW
(505) 897-1694

McLeod KinderCare
5701 McLeod Rd NE
(505) 881-2295

Paradise Hills KinderCare (NM PreK)
9111 High Assets Way NW
(505) 898-4859

KinderCare welcomes children of all abilities, with the commitment to provide quality care and education to each child. They believe every child is a unique individual with varying needs, and they welcome the diversity that brings to our centers. All children and families deserve to be full members of their communities, to have the opportunity for development and learning, and to experience a sense of belonging. KinderCare supports inclusion by providing access to their world-class curriculum programs, embracing inclusive participation in their programs, and offering support to their educators through training and consultation by their Education and Inclusion Services teams. Inclusion is not just a strategy for helping certain children overcome challenges; inclusion is a way of life at KinderCare.

Our approach to learning makes all the difference, and the research shows it! Little minds are wide open and ready to learn, and they have a unique way of encouraging children to become life-long learners. A recent study of 5000 KinderCare children using the nationally recognized BRIGANCE® Early Childhood Screens III found that their students are exceeding expectations on their assessments.

La Esperanza Child Development Center, LLC, 5740 Night Whisper NW Suite 200, Albuquerque, NM 87114, (505) 896-6764, Ages: 6 weeks-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, NMPED, website: <http://www.laesperanzacdc.com/>

La Esperanza Child Development Center, LLC is a quality childcare provider, preschool and Pre-K; they offer safe, fun, and educational preschool programs and Pre-K. It is their goal to provide your child with a caring, nurturing environment while you are at work. Their early childhood education programs introduce your child to activities designed to give them basic math, science, literacy, social and emotional skills. With regular field trips, your child will gain a wealth of information in a safe and caring environment.

La Petite Academy, various Albuquerque locations, Ages: 6 weeks-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <https://www.lapetite.com/>

La Petite- 7278

5701 Redlands Rd NW
(505) 831-1061

La Petite- 7279

7615 Anaheim Ave, NE
(505) 828-1888

La Petite- 7282

7840 Constitution, NE
(505) 298-0123

La Petite- 7283

6000 Fortuna Rd, NW
(505) 831-2018

La Petite- 7284

6420 Gibson Blvd, SE
(505) 265-5116

La Petite- 7285

5212 Homestead, NE
(505) 884-0399

La Petite- 7286

4910 Kachina St NW
(505) 899-3361

La Petite- 7287

4100 New Vistas Ct, NW
(505) 898-8845

La Petite- 7288

12215 Towner Ave, NE
(505) 294-3703

La Petite Academy provides the very best in educational childcare, with comprehensive programs for infants through kindergartners. But unlike traditional daycare, a La Petite education provides a strong curriculum for infants to toddlers in a safe, stimulating environment to create meaningful experiences for your child every day. Their philosophy and curriculum are inspired by STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. There is a powerful link between STEM and early childhood. Young children are natural-born engineers and scientists. In the STEM approach, science, technology, engineering, and math are a part of everything we do in the classroom.

Legacy Academy, 7201 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 831-0961, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Christian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: ACTS, NCPSA, NMPED, website: <http://www.legacychurchnm.com/academy>

To prepare students to defend their faith, reach their potential, and demonstrate responsible citizenship in a safe environment. Legacy Academy's objectives are to educate with a Biblical Worldview, incorporate the viable triangle of learning that will include the student, parent, and teacher, inspire a love for lifelong learning, promote the inclusion of parents in the learning process, incorporate hands-on application for students, set out clear and understandable discipline guidelines, ensure a safe environment for optimum learning and secure competent, Christian staff members.

Little Corral Day School, 10111 Constitution Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112, (505) 299-0633, Ages: Infant-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, website: <https://www.abqchildcare.com/little-corral-day-school>

Since their first early childhood learning center was established, they've been at the forefront of infant care, pre-K, early education, and before and after school programs. ABQ Child Care Learning Centers commit to high quality care and education, insuring your child will receive the personal support and attention necessary to build trust and confidence. They know that selecting quality childcare can be a challenge; therefore, choosing a correct early child learning center is a vital decision to make as parent. You will be assured that your child is receiving the best childcare services in their settings that nurture your child's, physical, emotional, and intellectual development.

Little Flower Learning Center, 5204 Zuni Rd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, (505) 209-3111, Ages: 6 weeks- PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: www.littleflowerlc.org (website is currently not working)

Little Flower Learning Center strives to provide a safe, creative learning environment that fosters each child's cognitive, physical, social, and emotional growth with an emphasis on meeting the needs of a predominately bilingual community. Their staff of caring professionals are committed to meeting each child's individual needs by providing positive guidance, love, and nurturing support throughout the day. LFLC's mission is to provide a quality family-oriented early childhood program where teachers encourage children's learning with an emphasis on problem-solving, communication, social and coping skills by providing developmentally appropriate learning environments for children.

Manzano Day School, 1801 Central Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 243-6659, Grades: PreK-5 years, Accreditations/Associations: ISAS, NAIS, NMPED, website: www.manzanodayschool.org/

Founded in 1938, Manzano Day School is an independent, nonprofit elementary school for children in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. The school's historic six-acre campus borders Old Town and downtown Albuquerque and is home to charming adobe buildings, placitas, and gardens. They enroll over 460 intellectually capable children from culturally, ethnically, and socio-economically diverse backgrounds. Manzano Day School provides its students with an opportunity to experience *Joy in Learning*[®]. Each member of their faculty is sensitive to individual learning styles and the need to present developmentally appropriate, yet challenging material in a nurturing atmosphere. Their curriculum is aligned with national standards and is rich in content and delivery. In addition to the core subjects of reading, math, science, and social studies, the six co-curricular subjects of art, library, music, physical education, Spanish, and technology are part of every student's schedule.

Mission Achievement and Success 1.0, 1718 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 242-3118, Grades: PreK-12, Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, Authorizer: PEC, website: <http://missionachievementandsuccess.com>, Student enrollment: 1,168, School wide Title 1 Program, Transportation: Yes, locations throughout ABQ

Mission Achievement and Success 2.0, 1255 Old Coors Drive SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 242-3118, Grades: PreK-8, then adding one grade level per year until PreK-12 in 2026-27, Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, Authorizer: PEC, website: <http://missionachievementandsuccess.com>, Student enrollment: 937, School wide Title 1 Program, Transportation: Yes, locations throughout ABQ

The mission of Mission Achievement and Success (MAS) is to prepare students to be successful in college and the competitive world by providing a rigorous college preparatory program in a safe and effective learning environment. Their primary objective is to instill in their students a commitment to high academic achievement, continual goal setting, and principles of personal success.

Montessori of the Rio Grande, 1650 Gabaldon Drive NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 842-5993, Grades: PreK-6, Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI/AMS member school, NMPED, Authorizer: APS, website: <http://mrgcharter.org>

Montessori of the Rio Grande will provide a peaceful, safe, and nurturing academic environment using Montessori principles to develop children who love to learn, contribute to their communities, and continually strive to achieve their full potential.

Mountain View Academy West, 4100 New Vistas Ct NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114, (505) 898-1500, Grades: PK-5, School Type: Nonsectarian, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, NMPED, website: <https://www.lapetite.com/your-local-school/albuquerque-nm-7687/>

At Mountain View Private School, they help children find a new perspective and become lifelong learners. Classes are taught by teachers licensed by the State of New Mexico, and they are accredited by the North Central Association - a division of Cognia (formerly AdvancED) which ensures their facility is engaged in continuous introspection and school-wide improvement. Their school is also a member of the New Mexico Association of Non-Public schools. They have an early admission program that allows children who turn five by October 31st to begin their accredited kindergarten program. Students will be assessed to determine their readiness prior to admission. This program allows families to continue their relationship with La Petite Academy, while also providing new challenges and opportunities for their children.

New Mexico Early Learning Academy, 5528 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite 1,
Albuquerque, NM
Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, **website:**
<https://nmearylearningacademy.com>

The proven, play-based High Scope® early learning curriculum builds your child's foundations in literacy, math, science, and social studies, with a focus on learning through doing. Teachers use observation to create exciting lesson plans they'll love. Your child will enjoy music and movement activities that reinforce academic concepts, language and literacy-based stories and games that boost communication skills, math activities that teach numbers, patterns, and early functions, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) projects that support critical thinking, social studies activities that help them learn about the world around them and fun, immersive learning through dress-up and role-playing.

Noah's Ark Children's Center, various locations, Albuquerque, NM, **Ages:** 6 weeks-PreK, **Accreditations/Associations:** NECPA, **website:** <http://nacaabq.com/>

Noah's Ark- Tramway
12500 Candelaria Rd NE
(505) 298-1130

Noah's Ark- Morris
4525 Morris NE
(505) 293-3399

Noah's Ark- Montgomery
4001 Montgomery Blvd NE
(505) 888-8852

Their programs are centered on creating a healthy and safe environment, utilizing a dynamic educational and age appropriate curriculum, and leveraging a holistic nutrition program to ensure your child's development to its fullest potential. Their commitment is to provide a nurturing and healthy environment, never compromising the best opportunity to succeed for each individual child. Since 1992 Noah's Ark Children's Academy has provided high quality infant and childcare to the Albuquerque area. They believe care and learning should go hand in hand, and the two should always be programmed in a creative and fun experience. Early childhood development is crucial and prepares your child for their future. Noah's Ark positively reinforces behavior and activities that promote exploration of each child's needs and believe that children learn best through a healthy and safe environment.

North Valley Academy, 7939 4th Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM, 87114, (505) 998-0501, Grades: PK-8th grade, Authorizer: PEC, Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, website: www.nvanm.org

North Valley Academy Charter School is committed to provide students with a rich and well-balanced education, through a rigorous focus on Mathematics, Language Arts, and an emphasis on health and wellness.

Oak Grove Classical Academy, 8888 Harper Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 269-2696, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, Traditional Classroom/Homeschool Combination, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI, CSI, NMPED, website: www.oakgroveclassical.com, Tuition: PK- \$2,922, K- \$4,740, 1st-2nd grade- \$5,560, 3rd-4th grade- \$5,601 5th grade- \$5,607, 6th-8th grade- \$6,562, 9th-12th grade- \$7,437

Since 2008 Oak Grove Classical Academy has partnered with parents to affirm their role as the primary influencers in their children's lives. Employing a rigorous classical pedagogy within a unique university model course schedule, students gain Christian wisdom and training in classical eloquence, equipping them for leadership in the modern world. Oak Grove seeks to present subjects as tools through which they learn more of God's character and His design of their world. They strive to partner with parents in providing a Christ-centered, classical education utilizing a university model. They seek to inspire their students to love learning, to face life's challenges with courage and character, and to apply God's truth in their spheres of influence.

Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic School, 815 Guaymas Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, (505) 256-3167, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: <http://olacs.org/school>

Our Lady of The Assumption (OLA) faculty and staff pledge their commitment to offer to their students a Catholic education emphasizing Catholic identity, with a strong focus on moral values, leadership opportunities, and academic excellence. OLA has a commitment to the lifelong process of learning about their Catholic faith, academic challenges, responsible behavior, and community service. OLA is a recipient of the prestigious Pinon Award, a Quality New Mexico honor which recognizes excellence in education based on meeting National Baldrige Award criteria.

Our Place Creative Learning Center, 4714 Indian School Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 262-2680, Ages:, Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, website: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Our-Place-Creative-Learning-Center/126201280769142>

Paradise Hills Community Preschool, 5976 Avenida La Barranta Ct NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114, (505) 898-3122, Ages: 3 years-PreK (children must be 3 years old by September 1st), Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <http://www.phcp.org/>

Their school is operated by the staff in conjunction with parents of current students. This preschool has been in the community since 1966. They believe that both change, and long-standing traditions are for the good of the children and the community. They are proud of the fine reputation that has been established throughout the years the school has been in operation. With the support of concerned and involved parents, the high quality of education will continue.

PB&J Family Services, various locations in Albuquerque, Ages: 4 years (children must be 4 years old by September 1st), Accreditations/Associations: COA, website: <https://www.pbjfamilyservices.org/>

PB&J - South Valley
1101 Lopez SW
(505) 877-7060

PB&J Town of Bernalillo
255-A Camino Del Pueblo, Bernalillo
(505) 867-2356

PB&J South East Heights
209 San Pablo St SE
(505) 944-7224

The PB&J Pre-K Program serves children that are 4 years old at our Bernalillo, South Valley, and South East Heights locations. The program was developed and utilizes the NM PreK Curriculum. Children enrolled in the program will learn social emotional, language, and cognitive skills that will prepare them for kindergarten and beyond. Children attend the program from Monday-Friday and limited transportation is available to the program. Referrals can be made via self-referral and community partnerships.

Saint John's United Methodist Church Preschool, 2626 Arizona St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 883-0496, Ages: 12 months to 4 years, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <http://www.preschoolplus-abq.org>

St. John's Preschool Plus has served the early education needs of the neighborhood and community for over 35 years, offering an excellent preschool program for children from 12 months to 4 years of age. Each one of our highly qualified and trained staff members is certified in both Red Cross First Aid and Child CPR. In addition, each staff member completes 24 hours of continuing education every year. Both part-time and full-time enrollment schedules are available.

Salam Academy, 8015 Mountain Road Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 888-7688, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Islamic, non-profit, coed. Accreditations/Associations: Cognia/NCA CASI. NMPED, website: www.salamacademy.org/

Salam Academy was established in 2001. Their small class size gives their certified teachers time to focus on each student. Their school has a dress code and maintains a healthy Islamic environment. It is a community owned non-for-profit organization with a 501(c) status and mainly depends on community donations (tax deductible). They believe their children are the future. Their school is dedicated to providing a quality education in both fields: the religious and the secular. Their unique education system has established their place as one of the State of New Mexico's outstanding schools. Salam Academy's Vision is to create outstanding American citizens who are trained to be leaders in their family, their community, and the American society as a whole. Salam Academy is an institution of learning aimed at maintaining the ethnic roots and moral values of Muslim students. They develop model American citizens who are the outstanding leaders in the fields of science, mathematics, and the humanities.

San Felipe de Neri School, 2000 Lomas Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, (505) 338-1841, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: <http://sanfelipedenerischool.org/>

San Felipe de Neri Parish school is located in historic Old Town Albuquerque. They are surrounded by our rich Hispanic culture and within walking distance of Albuquerque's fabulous museums. Your children will be able to participate in one-of-a-kind cultural activities such as joining with the community in making luminarias and setting them out at Christmas, participating in the fiestas, or attending the Blessing of the Animals at the Gazebo of the Old Town Plaza. They offer a strong Catholic identity, experienced faculty, weekly student mass, positive student behavior, pre-k program (4-year-olds), encouraged parental involvement, great home/school communication, strong academics, focus on high school readiness, excellent administration, secure campus, high test scores, competitive sports program. Their courses include Religion, P.E., Study Skills, Computers, Library, and Music.

Shandiin Child Development Center, 522 Juan Tabo Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123, (505) 299-1354, Ages: 6 weeks-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, website: <http://shandiincdc.com/>

A research-based integrated educational curriculum taught in all classrooms, advanced Pre-K program, special programs in Literacy, Science, Math, Music and Movement, an emphasis on learn gin language, literacy, and humanity skills, focus on building positive family, peer, and teacher relationships.

Shepherd of the Valley Preschool, 1801 Montano Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505), Ages: 12 months-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <https://www.southwestchildcare.com/>

Southwest Child Care Early Learning Center, various Albuquerque locations, Ages: 6 weeks- 12 years (before/after school care), Accreditations/Associations: COA, website: <https://www.southwestchildcare.com/>

Southwest Child Care- Wyoming

4802 Wyoming NE
(505) 286-3121

Southwest Child Care- Texas

2626 Texas St NE
(505) 293-2626

Southwest Child Care- Lomas

11800 Lomas Blvd
(505) 294-2233

Meaningful relationships play a critical role in a child's development including the development of a positive self-concept. At Southwest Child Care Early Learning Centers, their highly trained staff strives to develop positive relationships with each child and his or her family. They provide a warm, nurturing, and responsive environment so that all children will feel free to explore and discover at their own pace. They provide classrooms and curriculum that promote imagination, creativity, and exploration and encourage children to learn and develop through play and other hands-on experiences. They place an emphasis on the process of an activity rather than the product and encourage children to be as independent as possible. They believe that all of these components work together to foster intellectual, social, physical, emotional, and language development. They put tremendous effort into making Southwest Child Care Early Learning Centers a place where every child is welcomed, wanted, and worthwhile. Building positive, trusting relationships with their families is an important part of this effort.

SpringStone Montessori School (3 sites), various Albuquerque locations, Ages: 12 months-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, website: <http://www.springstonekids.com/>

SpringStone Randolph Ct

1615 Randolph Court SE
(505) 242-1234

SpringStone Carmel Ave

7940 Carmel Ave, NE
(505) 821-8181

SpringStone Paradise Blvd

4598 Paradise Blvd NW
(505) 897-8111

This site does have a non-accredited Kindergarten program.

SpringStone Montessori School is not a typical preschool, daycare, or childcare center. SpringStone is an early learning, private school utilizing the Montessori Method as its curriculum. They believe that children will learn best by exploring their natural curiosities at their own pace. The learning is hands-on and interactive. The emphasis is on our children becoming whole, balanced and health individuals. SpringStone's philosophy is for the children they serve to grow and learn in a rich, educational environment, with loving caring staff and maintain safety at all times. They provide a hands-on classroom with learning materials for all of the main areas: practical living, sensory, math, art, music, language as well as geography, history, and science. Absorbing a broad understanding of the world through hands-on materials, the children move about freely, choosing their "work" with responsibility and freedom. Their independence and self-confidence grow as they learn through projects that allow them to learn as individuals, at their own pace and t reach toward their full potential.

St. Luke Preschool, 9100 Menaul Blvd, NE Albuquerque, NM 87110 Ages: 2-6 Accreditations/Associations: ELEA, NAEYC, website: <http://www.stlukepreschool.org/>

Their program is Christ-centered but welcomes families from all expressions of faith. Their overarching goal is to provide a nurturing Christian environment where the children experience God's love while developing a life-long love of learning and life in community. Young children learn and develop most naturally when they are involved in activities that meet their needs. All children are unique with their own individual needs, but they also share common developmental needs by age and by stage. Children grow and learn through active hands-on play that is open-ended and process oriented. Theirs is an inclusive program that welcomes all families and all children regardless of ability or need. St. Luke Preschool admits students of any race, color, faith, or creed, and national or ethnic origin.

St. Mark's in the Valley Day School, 2913 Commercial St. NE Albuquerque, NM 87107 (505) 344-7369 Ages: 2-5, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <https://www.stmarksinthevalleyds.org/>

St. Mark's in the Valley Day School provides affordable, quality early childhood education supporting social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development for children ages two through five. Our mission of inclusion embraces ethnic and socio-economic diversity, as well as behavioral and developmental challenges. The opportunity for children from diverse backgrounds to join our community teaches them tolerance and understanding and prepares them for entry into elementary school.

St. Mary's School, 224 7th St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 242-6271, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: <https://stmarys.me/>

They provide a Catholic education to preschool through eighth grade students in the greater Albuquerque area. They are uniquely situated in downtown Albuquerque and for over 100 years have defined their success by the dedication of their teachers and staff as well as the academic, spiritual, and professional achievements of their students. Their faculty are certified and degreed by the State of New Mexico and follow standards prescribed by the State of New Mexico and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. They are proud of their rich history and record of academic excellence in their community. Besides the subjects of Religion, Math, Reading, English, Science, and Social Studies - students attend Art, Music, P.E., Computer, Spanish, and Library classes on a weekly basis all year. Their curriculum includes hands-on experiences and projects to engage their students in their own learning.

St. Therese Catholic School, 311 Shropshire Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 344-4479, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website:
<http://www.stthereseschoolabq.org/>

St. Therese School is part of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic School System and is located in the heart of the North Valley of Albuquerque. Although the school is run entirely by lay people, the Church and its Pastor remain closely united and work together to better the education of all the students at St. Therese School. St. Therese School is a Catholic School dedicated to providing all students with Catholic academic, moral, and spiritual experiences within a safe, nurturing environment that will empower them to reach their maximum potential. St. Therese School is dedicated to assisting families with passing on the Catholic faith, morals, and values to the students. The school is a community outside the home, where religious values and truths may be integrated with daily life. The school strives to provide a quality education in a Christian environment and to help each student develop his/her own potential through creative expression, hands-on-learning, self-discipline, and the opportunity to participate in liturgy, prayer, sacraments, and community service.

Sunset Mesa Schools, Inc., 3020 Morris Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, (505) 298-7626, Grades: PK-5, School Type: Nonsectarian, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NCPSA, NIPSA, NMPED, website: www.sunset-mesa.com/

Sunset Mesa Schools actively choose and develop a high-quality curriculum to provide foundational skills as well as opportunities for teachers to challenge students. In addition, weekly instruction by six full-time enrichment specialists, in the elementary grade, enhances students' education and provides a variety of avenues for children to reach their full potential. Sunset Mesa students regularly test in the top 1% of the nation. High test scores are not merely a sign of academic accomplishment, but a reflection of instruction designed to prepare children for the academic rigor that lies ahead. Smaller class size is a necessity when it comes to being able to give the individual attention needed to instruct each child effectively. Sunset Mesa believes that elementary school will always be about teaching the basic, foundational skills that a child needs for education and for life. Their instruction is focused on the needs of each child in an atmosphere that is emotionally and physically safe, academically driven and values based. They are dedicated to building character and confidence in each child.

The International School at Mesa del Sol, 2660 Eastman Crossing SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, (505) 508-3295, Grades: PK-12
Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, Authorizer: APS, website: www.tisnm.org

The mission of the International School at Mesa del Sol (TIS) is to provide a meaningful, globally connected, and comprehensive educational program to all students, to develop knowledgeable, reflective, critical, and compassionate life-long learners who understand, appreciate, and respect the common bonds of humanity in a culturally diverse world.

UNM Children's Campus, MSC 07 4020 1210 University Blvd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87131 Ages: 6 weeks to 12 years, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <https://childcare.unm.edu/>

Our mission is to provide the children of UNM's student, staff and faculty families with a high-quality early childhood, educational and childcare experience. We are particularly committed to serving student families at affordable rates by working with all agencies that will subsidize their care. We are committed to serving the College of Education and the University community by providing a model program that exemplifies cutting-edge practice in early childhood education and that provides a setting for study, observation, research, and training.

Western Heights Christian School, 6415 Sage Rd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121, (505) 247-2079, Grades: PK-5, School Type: Assembly of God, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, Other special emphasis association, website: <http://www.westernheightsabq.org/>,

Western Heights was founded in 1968 by Wallace M. Franklin and his wife, Norma. They wanted to minister to children 7 days a week, not just Sundays. 46 years later, they are still on board with this mission. Norma, Grandma Precious, is still well known by our families. We are blessed and excited to learn and grow with your family every day.

Youth Development, Inc. (YDI) Head Start Programs (21 programs), 6301 Central NW Albuquerque, NM 87105 (505) 831 6038 Ages: 6 weeks-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <https://www.ydinm.org/programs/early-childhood-education>

Sargent Shriver, head of the "War on Poverty" program in 1964, asked Dr. Robert Cooke, pediatrician at John Hopkins University, to head a steering committee of specialists in all fields to discuss what should be done for young children. The Head Start program was designed to help break the cycle of poverty by providing preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional, educational, and physical needs. Today YDI's Head Start program operates 32 NAEYC accredited centers in three counties with a total funded enrollment of 1,532 children.

**Centers are not currently accredited by NAEYC

****YDI Alameda Head Start**

9800 4th Street, NW
(505) 792-1284

****YDI Camino Real Academy Head Start**

3613 Isleta Blvd.
(505) 314-2214

YDI Centro de Amor Head Start Academy

309 Stover, SW
(505) 212-7267

YDI Chico Head Start

150 General Bradley, NE
(505) 299-3236

YDI Embudo Head Start

8000 Mountain Rd, NE
(505) 212-7335

YDI Heights Head Start

2520 Virginia St, NE
(505) 212-7318

YDI Highland Head Start

4700 Coal Ave, SE
(505) 255-4568

****YDI Kirtland Head Start**

3530 Gibson Blvd, SE
(505) 255-2085

****YDI La Mariposa Early Head Start**

****YDI La Mariposa Head Start**
801 Mountain Rd, NE
(505) 212-7301

YDI Los Padillas Head Start

2525 Los Padillas Rd, SW
(505) 873-3841

YDI MaryAnn Binford Head Start

1400 Corriz, SW
(505) 836-0276

****YDI Mel Aragon Head Start Academy**

5317 2nd St, SW
(505) 877-2750

YDI Mesa Verde Head Start

7900 Marquette Ave, NE
(505) 232-0086

****YDI Pedro Baca Head Start**

1700 Centro Familiar, SW
(505) 212-7284

****YDI Reginald Chavez Head Start**

2700 Mountain Rd, NW
(505) 244-0330

YDI SIPI Early Childhood Learning Center

9169 Coors Blvd, NW
(505) 922-6524

****YDI South Valley CNM Head Start**

5816 Isleta Blvd, SW
(505) 873-0905

****YDI West Side Head Start**

1250 Isleta Blvd.
(505) 508-4625

****YDI Job Corps Early Head Start**

****YDI Job Corps Head Start**
1500 Indian School Rd, NW
(505) 222-4114

Corrales Area Preschool/Prekindergarten - Accredited Programs

*NM PreK program- PED

^NM PreK program- CYFD

+ Also offers elementary grades from kindergarten through at least 5th grade

+ **Preschool/Prekindergarten**

Cottonwood Montessori+

Sandia View Elementary School+

Cottonwood Montessori, 3896 Corrales Road, Corrales, NM 87048, (505) 897-8375, Grades: PK-6, School Type: Nonsectarian, Montessori, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: Cognia NCA CASI, NMPED,
website: www.cottonwoodschool.org/

Their mission is to encourage the potential of each child through an interdisciplinary curriculum which cultivates intellectual achievement, physical and artistic abilities, emotional learning, and creative reasoning in accordance with Montessori philosophy. Why should you join the Cottonwood School community? Their unique 7-acre campus providing real environmental education, their belief in whole, child whole brain learning experiences, their nurturing staff with a strong focus on academics, unparalleled Montessori teaching for pre-K through 6th grade, weekly enrichment programs that are integral to the curriculum, research and anecdotes that show real world benefits of their teaching philosophy and alumni with success storied in middle school, high school, and beyond.

Sandia View Elementary School, 24 Academy Dr., Corrales, NM 87048, (505) 897-4805, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Seventh - day Adventist, coed.
Accreditations/Associations: AAASCU, NCPSA, NMPED, website:
<http://www.sandiaview.org/>

Welcome to Sandia View Elementary a Christian school operating Kindergarten through Eighth grade; striving to provide excellence in education spiritually, scholastically, and socially since 1994. SVE pursues academic excellence in all areas. From Kindergarten to 8th grade, students are taught in modes that promote the development of their multiple intelligences. We provide sound academics infused with a Biblical view of God and the world. In annual standardized testing, SVE students consistently perform above the national average at every grade level. SVE's commitment to our students is to provide the highest quality education, balanced with life-enriching activities; to establish a solid foundation upon which they can build successful, happy, and prosperous lives.

East Mountain Preschool/Prekindergarten Accredited Programs

+ Also offers elementary grades from kindergarten through at least 5th grade

Preschool/Prekindergarten

Holy Child Catholic School+

*Moriarty-Edgewood School District Early Childhood Center

Presbyterian Medical Services- Head Start/Early Head Start

Holy Child Catholic School, School address- 19 Cam De Santo Nino, Tijeras, NM 87059, Mailing address- P.O. Box 130, Tijeras, NM 87059, (505) 281-3077, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: www.holychildcatholicsschool.org

Holy Child Catholic School principal goal is the development of the whole child in accordance with the mission of the Church: the salvation of souls. The philosophy of the school and the religious education program is that the school be a continuation of each family's role in "passing on the faith" to its children. The school views the parents as primary in the teaching of values and spirituality and provides ample opportunities for the parents to be involved in the educational process. The mission of Holy Child Catholic School is to advance the development of the soul, mind, and body through a rigorous classical curriculum; to foster spiritual and intellectual growth; to develop stewardship of God's gifts and inspire a love for the Eucharist, the Church, and evangelization.

Moriarty-Edgewood School District Early Childhood Center, 2422 E. Highway 333, Moriarty, New Mexico, 87035, (505) 832-5814, Ages: 4-year-old PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, website: <https://ecc.mesd.us/>

The MESD Early Childhood Center is committed to partnering with children, their families, and the community to promote effective communication skills and social emotional development to provide kindergarten readiness for our children. Early Childhood Center has met requirements outlined in FOCUS: Essential Elements of Quality and is recognized as a Five Star Program by the New Mexico Public Education Department Early Childhood Education Bureau.

Presbyterian Medical Services Head Start/Early Head Start, 706 Union St, Moriarty, NM 87035, (505) 832-1922, Ages: 6 weeks-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <http://www.pmsnm.org/locations/moriarty-head-start---torrance-county>

They offer a variety of programs to care for the communities' smallest members including Head Start, Early Head Start, Pre-K, Parent Education / Home Visiting and Early Intervention. Services are free to eligible families. Caring for the community begins with caring for its smallest members. Head Start and Early Head Start are federally funded programs that promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through educational, health, nutritional, social, and other services. Presbyterian Medical Services has Head Start centers serving children three to five years of age and Early Head Start programs serving children prenatally to three years of age through center-based and, in most locations, home-based programs. Their Pre-K program consists of direct services to four-year-old children who will attend kindergarten the following year, providing developmentally appropriate activities for parental involvement. New Mexico Pre-K is a voluntary program funded by the state of New Mexico.

Los Lunas Preschool/Prekindergarten Accredited Programs

+ Also offers elementary grades from kindergarten through at least 5th grade

Preschool/Prekindergarten

Del Rio Academy+

*Los Lunas Public Schools PreK

*School of Dreams Academy

St. Mary's Catholic School+

Del Rio Academy, 15 Jemez DR., Los Lunas, NM, 87031, (505) 866-9271, Grades: PK- 8, School Type: Special Education, Nonsectarian, coed.

Accreditations/Associations: Cognia NCA CASI, NMPED, website:

<https://www.delrioacademy.org/>

Del Rio Academy is the school located on the Sandhill campus. The Sandhill Child Development Center is a residential program for children ages 5 to 13 at admission, who are experiencing significant difficulties functioning in their current home, school, or community due to an inability to regulate their emotional states. By repairing a child's trust in care and adult guidance, Sandhill gives the child the tools necessary to proceed with a healthy and bright future. They currently treat a variety of psychiatric diagnoses, visit their website, or call for more information.

Los Lunas Schools (LLS) Prekindergarten locations listed below, (505) 865-9636, Ages: 3 years-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, website: http://www.llschools.net/district/departments/special_services/early_childhood_education

LLS offers the New Mexico PreK preschool program which is a voluntary program created by the Pre-Kindergarten Act of 2005. Children who have reached their 4th birthday by September 1st are eligible to attend a PreK program. The purpose of PreK is to ensure every child in New Mexico has the opportunity to attend a high-quality early childhood education program before kindergarten.

** Schools that also offer Special Education Developmental Delay Preschool Programs

Ann Parish ES

112 Meadowlake,
Los Lunas, NM
(505) 865-9652

Peralta ES

3645 Highway 47
Peralta, NM
(505) 869-2679

****Bosque Farms ES**

1390 W Bosque Loop
Bosque Farms, NM
(505) 869-2646

Raymond Gabaldon ES

454 Coronado Rd,
Los Lunas, NM
(505) 866-0456

Desert View ES

1105 Valle Vista Dr.
Sunland Park, NM
(575) 589-1180

Sundance ES

3701 Sundance Rd
Los Lunas, NM
(505) 866-0185

Katherine Gallegos ES

236 Don Pasqual Rd,
Los Lunas, NM
(505) 865-6223

****Tomé ES**

46 Chacon Blvd,
Los Lunas, NM
(505) 865-1102

****Los Lunas ES**

800 Coronado Rd
Los Lunas, NM
(505) 865-9313

Valencia ES

111 Monica Rd
Los Lunas, NM
(505) 865-3017

School of Dreams Academy, 906 Juan Perea Rd, Los Lunas, NM 87031, (505) 866-7632, Grades: PreK-12, Authorizer: PEC, website: www.sodacharter.net, Student enrollment: 606, School wide Title 1 Program, Transportation: yes, in Los Lunas area

The mission of School of Dreams Academy is to prepared students of Valencia County to become competent, self-sustaining individuals with a passion for learning and life. Students will be afforded the opportunity to excel in the core subject areas through a rigorous curriculum with emphasis on the arts, technology, character education and service learning in order that they have the skills necessary for success in post-secondary education and career choices. Students will come to school each day knowing that they are cared for and that the school supports them and their families in the pursuit of their goals.

St. Mary's Catholic School, 101 N. 10th Street, Belen, 87002, (505) 864-0484, Grades: PK-8, School Type: Roman Catholic, coed. Accreditations/Associations: NCEA, WCEA, NMPED, website: <http://stmarysbelen.com/>

Saint Mary's offers a high-quality, literacy-based program immersed in Christian values for students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Their curriculum is based on the guides and concepts of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and meets all criteria set by the State of New Mexico. Their school day begins with school-wide prayer at the flagpole and continues with classroom prayer throughout the day. The teachers of Saint Mary's School all are state-licensed and committed to providing a superior instructional program for all students. As a Catholic school, Saint Mary's mission expands beyond outstanding academic programs. The Church's teaching mission includes inviting young people to a relationship with Jesus Christ or deepening an existing relationship with Jesus, inserting young people into the life of the Church, and assisting young people to see and understand the role of faith in one's daily life and in the larger society. Tasked with this Saint Mary's becomes a "school for the human person" and fills a critical role in the future life of our Church, our country, and our world.

Rio Rancho Preschool/Prekindergarten Accredited Programs

+ Also offers elementary grades from kindergarten through at least 5th grade

Preschool/Prekindergarten

Covenant School of Rio Rancho

Gospel Light Baptist Academy+

^La Esperanza Preschool

^La Petite Academy (3 sites)

Presbyterian Medical Services- Rio Rancho Head Start

Presbyterian Medical Services- Little Steps Early Head Start

*Rio Rancho Public Schools PreK+

SpringStone Montessori School - Grande

Covenant School of Rio Rancho, 1601 Barbara Loop SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 994-4600, Ages: 6 weeks-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: Cognia NCA CASI, website: <http://www.covenantschools.com/>

Covenant Schools offers the highest quality developmental care for children at every stage of early childhood. Covenant Schools offers 5 different programs for the unique needs of every age group: Infant, Toddlers, Twos, Beginners Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten program.

Their early learning center curriculum provides a phonetic foundation for early reading and encompasses academic learning within language arts, science, arithmetic, social studies, and the Bible. They encourage exploration, experimentation and growth in a well-equipped environment that is stimulating, safe, consistent, and nurturing.

Gospel Light Baptist Academy, 1500 Southern Blvd SE, Rio Rancho 87124, (505) 892-9463, Grades: PK-12, School Type: Christian, coed.

Accreditations/Associations: Cognia NCA CASI, NMPED, website:

<https://www.myglba.org/>

GLBA exists to provide a quality, Christ-centered education through excellence in academics and personal, Christian character development. This will be achieved by placing a high priority on individualization and an absolute preeminence on God's Word. They exist to educate students with academic excellence based on the principles of God's Word, inspire students to a life of learning and growing mentally and spiritually, equip students to be successful in the sight of God and others to the fulfillment of the Great Commission given by Jesus Christ, develop students that have a heart for reaching others for the cause of Christ.

La Esperanza Child Development Center (NM PreK), 1721 Wellspring Ave SE, Rio Rancho, 87124, (505) 217-4197, Ages: Infants-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, NMPED, website: <https://www.laesperanzacdc.com/>

La Esperanza Child Development Center, LLC is a quality childcare provider, preschool and Pre-K; they offer safe, fun, and educational preschool programs and Pre-K. It is their goal to provide your child with a caring, nurturing environment while you are at work. Their early childhood education programs introduce your child to activities designed to give them basic math, science, literacy, social and emotional skills. With regular field trips, your child will gain a wealth of information in a safe and caring environment.

La Petite Academy (NM PreK), various Rio Rancho locations, Ages: Ages: 6 Weeks - 12 Years Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <https://www.lapetite.com>

La Petite- 7289
2800 Southern Blvd
(505) 892-4644

La Petite- 7291
501 Quantum Rd NE
(505) 892-3660

La Petite- 7290
1501 Barbara Loop
(505) 891-5755

La Petite Academy provides the very best in educational childcare, with comprehensive programs for infants through kindergartners. But unlike traditional daycare, a La Petite education provides a strong curriculum for infants to toddlers in a safe, stimulating environment to create meaningful experiences for your child every day. Their philosophy and curriculum are inspired by STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. There is a powerful link between STEM and early childhood. Young children are natural-born engineers and scientists. In the STEM approach, science, technology, engineering, and math are a part of everything we do in the classroom.

Presbyterian Medical Services- Rio Rancho Head Start, 32 Unser Blvd, Rio Rancho, N M 87124, (505) 891-5162 Ages: 3 years-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <https://www.pmsnm.org/locations/rio-rancho-head-start-early-head-start-sandoval/>

Presbyterian Medical Services Little Steps Early Head Start, 421 Quantum Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, 505-962-1813, Ages: 6 weeks-2 years, Accreditations/Associations: NAEYC, website: <http://www.pmsnm.org/locations/little-steps-early-head-start-sandoval-county>

They offer a variety of programs to care for the communities' smallest members including Head Start, Early Head Start, Pre-K, Parent Education / Home Visiting and Early Intervention. Services are free to eligible families. Caring for the community begins with caring for its smallest members. Head Start and Early Head Start are federally funded programs that promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through educational, health, nutritional, social, and other services. Presbyterian Medical Services has Head Start centers serving children three to five years of age and Early Head Start programs serving children prenatally to three years of age through center-based and, in most locations, home-based programs. Their Pre-K program consists of direct services to four-year-old children who will attend kindergarten the following year, providing developmentally appropriate activities for parental involvement. New Mexico Pre-K is a voluntary program funded by the state of New Mexico.

Rio Rancho Public Schools Shining Stars Preschool, 4477 9th Ave NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 892-7735, Ages: PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NMPED, website: <https://shiningstars.rmps.net/>

They are part of the Rio Rancho Public School district. They serve 3, 4, and 5 years olds general education students through the NM PreK Initiative Grant along with 3, 4, and 5 years olds receiving Special Education services in Rio Rancho, NM.

SpringStone Montessori School, 2441 Grande Blvd NW, Rio Rancho, NM 87124, (505) 994-8111, Ages: 12 months-PreK, Accreditations/Associations: NECPA, website: <http://www.springstonekids.com/>

SpringStone Montessori School is not a typical preschool, daycare, or childcare center. SpringStone is an early learning, private school utilizing the Montessori Method as its curriculum. They believe that children will learn best by exploring their natural curiosities at their own pace. The learning is hands-on and interactive. The emphasis is on our children becoming whole, balanced and health individuals. SpringStone's philosophy is for the children they serve to grow and learn in a rich, educational environment, with loving caring staff and maintain safety at all times. They provide a hands-on classroom with learning materials for all of the main areas: practical living, sensory, math, art, music, language as well as geography, history, and science. Absorbing a broad understanding of the world through hands-on materials, the children move about freely, choosing their "work" with responsibility and freedom. Their independence and self-confidence grow as they learn through projects that allow them to learn as individuals, at their own pace and to reach toward their full potential.