

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND ORIENTATION

Degree-Seeking Students

How to Apply as a First-Time Student (Regular Student)

Requirements for admission as a degree-seeking student:

- Application for admission, accompanied by a one-time \$25 nonrefundable application fee
- Students are required to self-report their high school GPA in the application. Students can also provide an unofficial high school transcript.
- ACT and/or SAT scores are optional for admission. However, the scores provided will be used for scholarship consideration and **for Math and English placement.**

All applicants with tentative admission must submit a final, official high school transcript showing a graduate date before a final admission decision is granted. If the student also attended a non-NMSU system post-secondary institution during high school, official transcripts from each institution will also be needed. If the high school attended was outside of the United States, a professional foreign credential evaluation from a NACES company will also be required.

Freshman Admission Requirements

Students who meet the minimum high school course requirements of the state from which they receive their high school diploma must meet one of the following criteria in order to be admitted:

- Cumulative high school GPA of 2.75, or
- ACT composite score of 21 or SAT score of 1060, or
- Ranked in the top 20 percent of their high school graduating class or
- A GED cumulative score of 480 or HiSET cumulative score of 45

Applicants who meet at least one of the above criteria will be admitted to NMSU. An applicant who does not meet admission requirements may be admitted if a review of additional academic information indicates that the student would be successful at NMSU. When reviewing the admissibility of students, Undergraduate Admission and Orientation considers many factors, including high school GPA, test scores, dual-credit coursework, leadership experience, community involvement, and other accomplishments. Applicants may be asked for additional information, including a personal statement, to support their application.

Note for students about scholarships: Although home school students only need to submit a high school transcript for admission to NMSU, a New Mexico GED or HiSET may be required to be eligible for state-funded scholarships. Similarly, the ACT or SAT scores maybe be needed for out-of-state students for competitive scholarships.

More information about scholarships is available at <https://fa.nmsu.edu/scholarships>

Aggie Pathway

In the Aggie Pathway program, the NMSU system works together to assist students who do not meet the admission requirements to the university or who choose to start at one of the system's community

colleges. Aggie Pathway students begin at one of NMSU's community college campuses. They may transition to the university campus upon meeting the following requirements:

- Successful completion of 24 credits, in addition to any required developmental courses
- 2.0 cumulative college GPA

All students participating in the Aggie Pathway program can attend academic, cultural and athletic events on the NMSU Las Cruces campus. Students enrolling through NMSU Doña Ana Community College campus also have access to on-campus housing and dining.

More information about Aggie Pathway is available at <https://aggiepathway.nmsu.edu/>.