

Hobbs Municipal Schools



A Great Place to Learn!

Advanced Placement

HMS has transformed public education by raising academic standards, lowering drop-out rates and engaging students in hands-on learning. HMS is one of the few districts to incorporate two strong and proven programs - Core Knowledge and



Advancement Placement at all of its schools. An aggressive AP program offers unique monetary awards for students and

teachers based on national AP testing results. Almost 40 percent of students are enrolled in Pre-AP or AP classes. A large number of students also take the national AP exam. That fact has led *Newsweek* to rank Hobbs High School among its top 1,000 best secondary schools in the nation every year for nearly a decade.

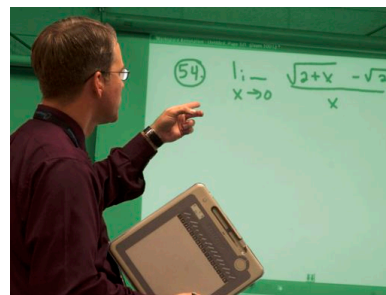
Core Knowledge

At the elementary level, students are taught to tackle tough subjects at a young age through Core Knowledge's "back-to-basics" approach. Students are prepared for a demanding secondary curriculum stressing core subjects such as math, science language arts, social studies and music.

21st Century Learning

It's our belief that exposing students to the latest in communication tools prepares them for a work world in which they'll be asked to adapt and quickly change with the technological times. For that reason:

- All elementary and secondary classrooms are equipped with a digital projector and digital overhead viewer.
- Teachers on a daily basis enter data in a digital gradebook. Parents can instantly access that information, along with attendance and homework assignments, from individual school web sites or the district's main web site. In addition, many teachers host their own web sites.



• Many teachers also make use of digital pads, clickers, interactive boards and other devices which engage students and make learning fun.

- Security cameras record activities on a 24-hour basis at each building. Surveillance from all cameras is monitored at a central location. A keyless entry system in place at each school prevents unauthorized personnel from entering our buildings.



High Standards
National report cards show New Mexico is one of the top states in the nation for standards, assessments and accountability. In addition, the state has one of the most rigorous and challenging teacher certification systems in the nation. Three-tiered licensing standards reward experience while requiring that

teachers keep current with instruction methods. Nearly half of Hobbs teachers are Level II teachers while 35 percent earned Level III master certification. Level I or entry level teachers make up 20 percent of the teaching staff.

At A Glance

• HMS currently has an enrollment of 9,076 students. (67 percent Hispanic, 28 percent Anglo and 5 percent Black). That figure is the highest in school history and reflects a booming local economy.

• Students attend one of 12 elementary schools (one serves only kindergartners), three middle schools, one freshman school, one high school and one alternative learning school.

• Students at two Hobbs elementary schools benefit from the Dual Language program, a curriculum which offers the chance to become fluent in English and Spanish. An added benefit is the chance to learn an appreciation for different cultures. Students, who are an equal mix of Spanish and English speakers, receive half the day's instruction in Spanish and the other half in English.

• Sixty percent of HMS students qualify for free and reduced lunch and thus are deemed low income.



Extracurriculars

Hobbs schools have a rich athletic history boasting state and district championship teams in almost every sport. Hobbs coaches adhere to a “Victory with Honor” philosophy that places priority on instilling character in student athletes. HMS students who participate in extracurricular activities - including band and choir - must maintain a minimum grade point average and sign a contract in which they pledge to remain drug and alcohol free.



The Arts

HMS recognizes that art instruction gives students a window on the world while also stimulating creativity and problem-solving skills. For that reason, an elementary fine arts program offers students musical, band and artistic instruction as well as the opportunity to perform in large-scale drama productions every year. At the secondary level, choir, band, theater and art classes give students an outlet for self-expression while cultivating imagination.



Job Opportunities

New Mexico schools are part of a 3-tiered licensure system which allows teachers to advance through a salary schedule based on years of experience and education. Level I teachers (BA and zero to 5 years of experience) earn a minimum of \$32,000; Level II teachers (BA/MA and more than 3 years of experience) earn a minimum of \$42,000; and a Level III (MA or NBCT and six years of experience) earn a minimum of \$51,554. Hobbs teachers are required to earn their master’s degree within five years of employment. They receive tuition reimbursement for doing so. For job listings, go to [http://hobbsschools.net/department/](http://hobbsschools.net/department/personnel/employment_opportunities)

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Watch Us Grow

While the rest of the nation has experienced an economic downturn, Hobbs industry - which is centered on oil and gas exploration but also includes uranium enrichment technology - remains stable with an unemployment rate of less than 5 percent. As a result, the city has experienced an unprecedented building boom. In addition, Hobbs voters passed the largest school bond issue in history - \$47 million - in 2008. More than half of the money was used to

Housing

Over the last five years Hobbs has experienced above-average population growth. In response, construction of apartment complexes, duplexes and homes has taken place. Although there are current housing shortages, new residential construction projects continue to be announced on a regular basis .



construct a Freshman High School - which opened on the Hobbs High School campus in 2011.

About Hobbs

Hobbs is located just a few miles west of the Texas border on the eastern edge of the state. With a population of more than 44,000, the community enjoys mild winters and warm summers. The moderate climate allows for comfortable outdoor recreation year-round.

Check Us Out

For up-to-date information about Hobbs Municipal Schools, check out our website at www.hobbsschools.net. We are proud to provide daily photos and video of our student and teacher accomplishments in the classroom and on the playing field.