

I. ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Elementary schools shall provide classroom experiences for children based upon grade level organization, pre-school through grade six. The course content shall be in accordance with Educational Standards for New Mexico Schools, the Public School Reform Act, Board policies, and administrative procedures.

Children who have attained the age of five (5) prior to 12:01 a.m., September 1, of the school year must be enrolled in a kindergarten program. Kindergarten attendance is compulsory. Children who have not attained the age of five (5) prior to 12:01 a.m., September 1, of the school year will not be permitted to enroll in the kindergarten program. Children obtaining the age of six (6) prior to the beginning of the school year and who have not completed an approved kindergarten program, shall have their cases reviewed individually by the building principal to determine their proper placement.

II. MID-SCHOOL

The middle school, consisting of grades seven and eight, shall afford all students with appropriate educational opportunities within a curriculum which shall consist of courses in accordance with Educational Standards for New Mexico Schools, the Public School Reform Act, Board policies, and administrative procedures.

Eighth grade students shall, with the assistance of the principal and guidance counselor, develop a Next Step Plan regarding their intended course of study during high school. Parents shall be highly involved in the development of the Plan and must approve it.

III. HIGH SCHOOL

The curriculum for Lordsburg High School, grades nine through twelve, shall provide students appropriate educational opportunities within a curriculum which encompasses course requirements of the Educational Standards for New Mexico Schools, the Public School Reform Act, Board policies, and administrative procedures.

The local Board of Education may choose to increase graduation requirements for students at Lordsburg High School, but shall in no case approve fewer credits for graduation than the number required by the State of New Mexico.

Ninth grade students are those accepted by the high school principal for enrollment at that level. If they have been promoted from the eighth grade, they must be accepted as ninth grade students.

The principal shall be responsible for determining the content of planned programs for students in an attempt to work with parents and students to determine courses of study. However, the student programs should be administered in such a manner that students and parents may change from one plan to another without undue hardship.

Proper guidance in selection of planned program or a course of study for each student shall be provided by the principal and guidance counselor. They shall keep in mind the necessity of encouraging the matriculating student to pursue a firm and practical course of study which would accrue to the maximum benefit of the student.

Each year, with maximal parent involvement and parent approval, the principal and guidance counselor shall assist the student in reviewing and revising the student's Next Step Plan.

Credits shall be awarded on the basis of completion of work required to earn the credits. All courses shall be awarded equal credits for equal class time scheduled, except as modified by State law or regulation or by Public Education Department requirements.