

**New Mexico**  
**Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study**

The eligibility options for a student graduating from secondary school in New Mexico during the 2005 or 2006 calendar years are:

- ***New Mexico Scholars.*** This program, part of the national State Scholars Initiative and patterned after the recommendations of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, requires at least:
  - Four credits in English
  - Three credits in math (including Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and geometry)
  - Three credits in science (biology, chemistry, physics)
  - Three-and-one-half credits in social studies
  - Two credits in a language other than English
  - Completion of the balance of state-mandated high school graduation requirements.
  
- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
  - Four years of English;
  - Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
  - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
  - Three years of social studies; and
  - One year of a foreign language.
  
- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.