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Fifty years from now, countries of the world will be governed by today's youth. Their thoughts and actions will be shaped by what they know and have experienced, making education, in many ways, one of the best predictors of a nation's future success.

Albuquerque Institute for Mathematics and Science is quietly producing some of tomorrow's best possible leaders. In a two year study, AIMS@UNM has outscored the highest ranking international schools.

The PISA, Program for International Student Assessment, is a worldwide exam administered every three years that measures 15-year-olds in 72 countries. About 540,000 students took the exam in 2015. The US saw an 11-point drop in average score for math, while remaining relatively flat in reading and science.

Asian education systems dominate the upper reaches of the results - accounting for the top seven places for maths, with Singapore followed by Hong Kong, Japan, China and South Korea. Finland, Estonia, Canada and Ireland are the only non-Asian nations to get into any of the top five rankings across all three subjects.

***Albuquerque Institute for Math and Science at UNM charter school scored higher than the average of these countries!***

This is just the latest in recognition that AIMS@UNM has garnered. The Washington Post named AIMS@UNM 42<sup>nd</sup> nationally in most challenging high schools.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/local/high-school-challenge-2017/>

The US News Report ranked AIMS@UNM #1 in New Mexico, #83 out of 2,350 national charter schools and #314 in national high school rankings. <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/new-mexico/districts/albuquerque-institute-of-math--science/albuquerque-institute-of-math-and-science-12876>

In recent state PARCC scores, AIMS@UNM achieved an astounding average 82% proficiency and an incredible average 85% proficiency in English. The student body makeup is 52 percent male and 48 percent female, and the total minority enrollment is 51 percent and achieves a 94% graduation rate.

AIMS@UNM is currently trying to expand its footprint to other New Mexico communities, in particular Rio Rancho. Unfortunately the current political climate has placed obstacles in that path in the form of lawsuits, recognized legal judgements made and appeals being filed. At the heart of the issue is the improvement of our New Mexico kids' education. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrGhqHNLFe8>

While seeking a diverse student population and providing a rigorous academic curriculum that rivals the best programs in the country and across the globe, students at AIMS@UNM enroll concurrently at the University of New Mexico during their junior year and begin working on their college education while earning their high school diploma. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ms\\_Hxz3vxkg&sns=em](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ms_Hxz3vxkg&sns=em)

For more information visit <http://www.aims-unm.org/>.

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