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From The Superintendent's Desk



Ganas: Proof That Growth Is Possible

Our rallying cry this year is ganas: the heart to keep showing up, even when the work is hard. Our data says we have been doing exactly that.

Five years, one direction

Since 2021-22, the share of our students Proficient or Advanced in Language Arts has climbed from 19% to 35%, nearly doubling. Math has grown from 9% to 15%. Both rose every single year, and our gap with the state has narrowed, from 17 points to 10 in Reading and from 17 to 12 in Math. We are not where we want to be, and we say that plainly. But this is not a one-time jump. It is a pattern, and it was built by our teachers, staff, families, and students across all fifteen of our communities.

A first in our history

In the 2025-2026 state school designations, every BPS school is designated Traditional, and Placitas Elementary earned the state's Spotlight designation. For the first time in BPS history, dating back to No Child Left Behind, not a single school in our district is designated by the state for corrective action. That is not a finish line. It is proof that growth is possible here.

Our small schools are leading the state

Algodones Elementary and Santo Domingo Elementary rank #1 and #2 in New Mexico for reading proficiency growth among small schools. Algodones grew 30.0 points in one year, and Santo Domingo grew 27.6. The next-closest school in the state grew about 19. Congratulations to the students, families, and educators of both communities. You show what is possible.

Our high school is rising to the challenge

At Bernalillo High School, AP enrollment grew from 152 students to 313 in a single year, more than doubling. Results are rising with it: AP Seminar has climbed from 30% in 2022-23 to 91% in 2025-26, progress the College Board highlighted in June at the National Native American Student Advocacy Conference in Phoenix. When we open the door to rigor and surround students with support, they walk through it.

What is behind it

These gains came from systems, not luck. At BHS, every student has the same advisory adult for all four years, and we find needs early, through universal reading screening and a clear path from concern to intervention. Teachers across our classrooms use the same high-quality materials and check for understanding in every lesson. Our partnerships with our seven Pueblo communities are each guided by their own agreements, built on trust and respect for student information. Consistency and care, every day, in every classroom.

Ganas

Jaime Escalante believed students rise to the expectations we hold for them. Our results say he was right. We still have ground to cover, and closing the gap with the state will take growth faster than theirs. But the foundation is stronger than it has ever been, and this community has never been short on ganas.

¡Juntos le echamos GANAS!

Matt

Message from School Board President, Paul Madrid



Hi BPS Community!

My grandpa used to say, "You can't tell how deep the well is by looking at the bucket." Well, folks, after five years of hard work, I'd say we've been drawing up some mighty fine water.

Since 2021-22, the share of our students scoring Proficient or Advanced in Language Arts has climbed from 19% to 35%. That's nearly double. Math has grown from 9% to 15%. Both rose every single year, and we've closed the gap with the state in both subjects. Now, we're not where we want to be, and we'll say so plain. As we say on the ranch, "The fence ain't built just 'cause you bought the posts." But the trail is pointed the right direction.

And here's one for the history books. In the state's latest school designations, every BPS school is rated Traditional, and Placitas Elementary earned the state's Spotlight designation. For the first time since No Child Left Behind, not one school in our district is flagged for corrective action. Algodones Elementary and Santo Domingo Elementary also ranked #1 and #2 in the state for reading growth among small schools, and at Bernalillo High, AP enrollment more than doubled this year. That doesn't happen by luck. It happens because our teachers and staff built strong systems, with solid classroom instruction, a caring adult for every student, and early help when a youngster needs it. You can't herd cattle without good fences, and these are our fences.

We also owe a big thank-you to the voters of this community. You said yes to investing in our schools, and it shows. Over the past five years, that support has brought new turf to Spartan Stadium, a new roof, fresh stucco, and updated HVAC systems at Cochiti, upgraded cooling in the BHS gym, and digital scoreboards at Santo Domingo. Those are just some of the many projects we've finished. Just as important, we keep up with preventive maintenance, because a good rancher knows it's cheaper to mend the fence than chase the herd. A good barn makes for good horses, and good buildings make for good learning. Thank you for showing up at the ballot box.

But you don't quit ridin' just because you've cleared the first ridge. We're charting the trail ahead with a new strategic plan, and we need your help. Two ways to pitch in:

1. Take the strategic plan survey. It won't take long, and your answers will help point us in the right direction. Click Here

2. Sign up for a focus group. Come sit a spell and help shape the road ahead. Click Here

Us ranchers know that a herd goes where the whole outfit's pointed. Similarly, our district will go where our community points. We want that input to include you, from all fifteen of our communities. Our kids have shown plenty of ganas. Now let's show a little of our own.

Thank you for your trust, your support, and your love for our students. Go Spartans!

Best regards,

Paul



The Bernalillo Public Schools Board of Education Paul Madrid, President, District 5
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Personal Use of Electronic Communication Devices by Students, J-3150
Adopted by the BPS School Board: 28 MARCH 2024
English
https://5il.co/2t8ej

PANTHERS SPARK CHANGE



Placitas students and staff with the Spark Change Award banner from Changemakers Alumni.

RECOGNITION

OUTSTANDING STUDENT GROWTH

In both **Math** and **Reading**

CHANGEMAKERS ALUMNI · SPRING 2026

SPARK CHANGE AWARD

For being New Mexico's leader in creating positive change and opportunities for students

We are proud to celebrate Placitas Elementary for being recognized for outstanding student growth in both Math and Reading. We are also honored to be recognized with a Spark Change Award by Changemakers Alumni for being New Mexico's leader in creating positive change and opportunities for students.

This achievement reflects the dedication of our teachers, staff, students, and families who work together every day to create an environment where all students can succeed and thrive.

Congratulations to our incredible Panthers on these well-deserved recognitions and for continuing to make our community proud!

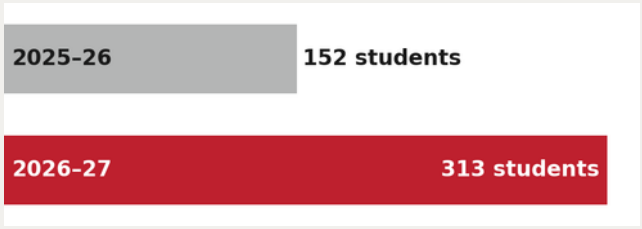
At Placitas, growth is more than a goal. It is a commitment to supporting every learner, empowering every student, and celebrating every success.

Advanced Placement at BHS is Growing Fast

More courses, more students, and stronger results.

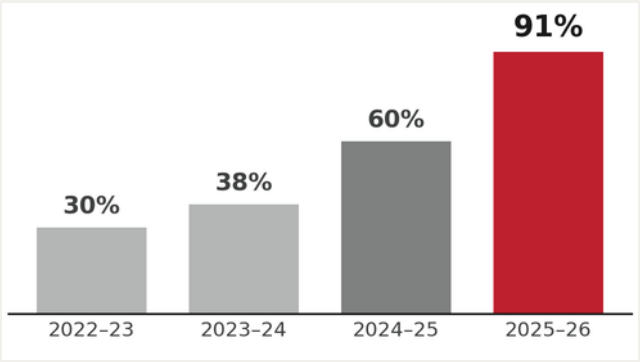
ADVANCED PLACEMENT PARTICIPATION

2× Enrollment more than doubled in one year



161 more students are taking on college-level coursework this year.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SEMINAR RESULTS



Highlighted by the College Board at the National Native American Student Advocacy Conference in Phoenix this June.

COURSE PATHWAY: THEN, NOW, NEXT

2025–26 INTRODUCED

Pre-Advanced Placement English 9

Advanced Placement Human Geography

2026–27 NEW THIS YEAR

Advanced Placement Psychology

Advanced Placement Computer Science

2027–28 PLANNED

Advanced Placement Biology or Chemistry

Advanced Placement Precalculus

CURRENT COURSES BY GRADE

SOPHOMORES

Advanced Placement Seminar
Advanced Placement World History

JUNIORS

Advanced Placement Language & Composition
Advanced Placement U.S. History

SENIORS

Advanced Placement Literature & Composition
Advanced Placement Spanish Language & Culture

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SPANISH

90%+

exam results for the past two school years

INVESTING IN TEACHERS

Two teachers completed Advanced Placement training this summer and last:

Cook, World History
DiMiceli, Literature & Composition

WHAT'S NEXT

More pathways ahead in science, math, computer science, psychology and world languages.

Five years of steady gains in Reading and Math

The share of BPS students scoring Proficient or Advanced, district-wide, from 2021-22 through 2025- 26.

LANGUAGE ARTS

19% → 35%

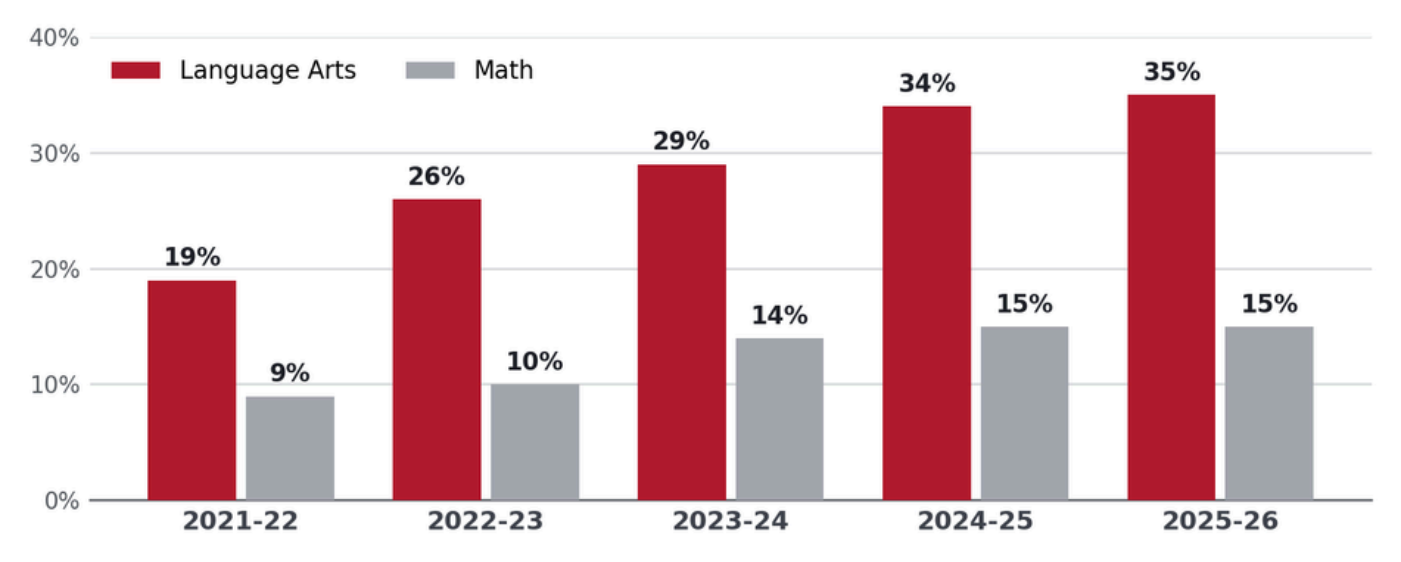
+16 points · nearly doubled
Proficiency rose every single year, from 19% to 35% of students.

MATH

9% → 15%

+6 points · up 67%
Gains in three off our years, holding at 15% in 2025-26.

The five-year trend



What the trend tells us

1 Up every year in Language Arts
Four straight annual gains: a steady climb, not a one- time jump.

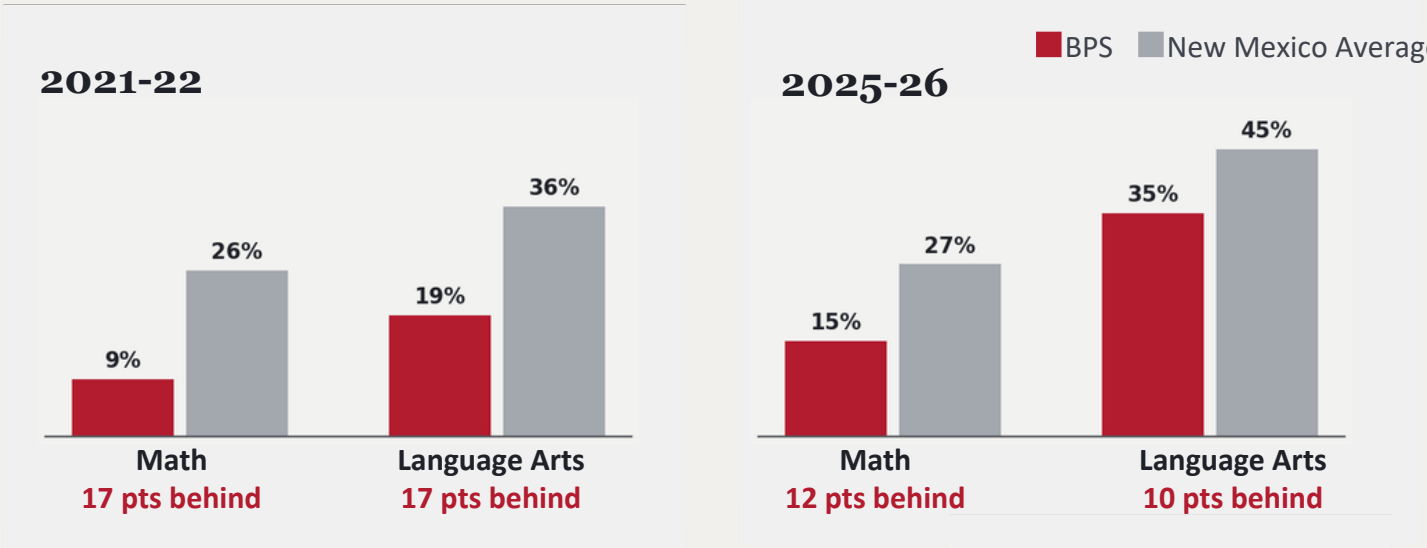
2 Math up by two-thirds
From 9% to 15%, a 67% relative increase from a lower starting point.

3 Gains are holding
2025-26 results matched or beat the prior year in both subjects.

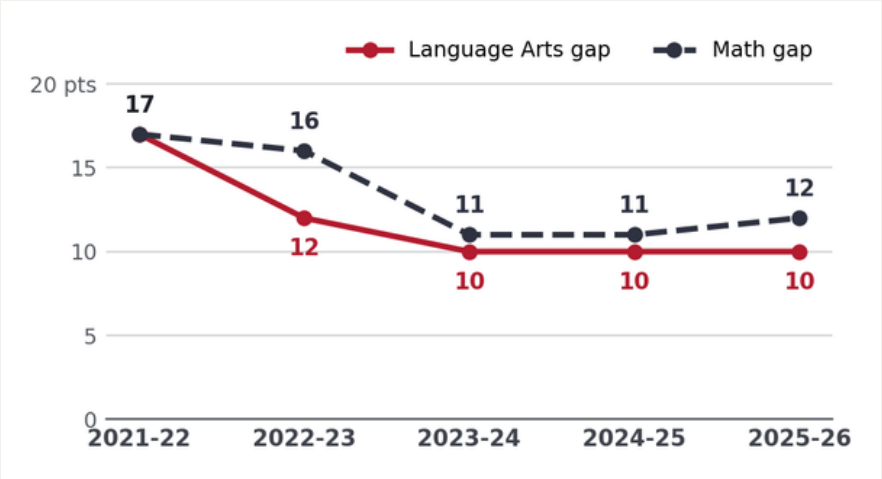
4 Closing in on the state
The gap with New Mexico has narrowed in both subjects. See page 2.

How BPS compares to New Mexico

BPS still trails the state wide average, butt he distance has narrowed. Since 2021-22, BPS gained 16 points in Language Arts while the state gained 9, and 6 points in Math while the state gained 1.



The gap is closing



LANGUAGE ARTS

17 → 10 pts

Cut by 7 points, and steady for three years.

MATH

17 → 12 pts

Cut by 5 points, though up 1 point this year.

NEW MEXICO VISTAS · 2025-26

Spotlight: Placitas Elementary
Traditional: Algodones Elementary, Bernalillo Elementary, Bernalillo High, Cochiti Elementary, Cochiti Middle, Santo Domingo Elementary, Santo Domingo Middle, Spartan Learning Academy, W.D. Carroll Elementary

Momentum worth building on

These gains reflect the work of our teachers, staff, families, and communities. Closing the rest of the gap will take continued growth above the statewide rate.

Celebrating continued growth

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BPS schools designated as needing improvement, a first in district history

+16 vs. +9

Points gained in reading since 2021-22, BPS vs. New Mexico

+6 vs.+1

Points gained in math since 2021- 22, BPS vs. New Mexico

When NM Kids CAN released statewide student achievement results for 2025-26 on September 14, Amanda Aragon argued that while New Mexico is growing, the progress is not fast enough. She also noted that Martinez/Yazzie student groups are showing marked improvement, growing faster than the state average. Superintendent Matt Montaño called that finding both true and hopeful.

In Bernalillo, Montaño says, the district is the face of Martinez/Yazzie. The four Martinez/Yazzie groups (Native American students, English learners, students with disabilities, and students from low-income families) make up 95% of the BPS student body. He credits staff who show up **CON GANAS** every day to serve these students, and says their work, passion, and commitment to the new BPS way show that the district is setting the pace for New Mexico.

Statewide since 2022, reading has grown modestly and math has stayed flat. Over the same years, BPS grew faster in reading, cutting its gap with the state by 40 percent, and grew steadily in math, cutting that gap by about 30 percent.

For the first time in district history, not a single BPS school is designated as in need of improvement. Montaño calls it a testament to the hard work, leadership, and commitment to excellence of BPS staff, and to their ability to carry out a methodical, strategic effort to improve schools for students.

“We, as a district, have demonstrated that we can grow year after year,” Montaño wrote. “We can outpace our state. We can close gaps and create better systems.”

Looking ahead, he is asking staff to keep building on that success, keep students at the center of every conversation, and keep showing up every day, even when it is hard.

“ALL we need is GANAS”

Algodones Elementary

September has been a month filled with celebration, growth, new beginnings, and plenty of Mustang pride at Algodones Elementary School! From giving our Mustang mascot an official name to celebrating incredible academic growth, our students and staff continue to show what can happen when a small school dreams big.

One of the biggest celebrations this month was learning that Algodones Elementary has officially been removed from low-performing school status. This milestone represents so much more than a designation—it reflects the hard work happening in our classrooms every single day. Our teachers have remained focused on strong instruction, our students have worked incredibly hard, and our staff has continued to believe that every child at Algodones can grow and succeed.

And the results are showing! Algodones was recognized for having the highest student growth in the state, an accomplishment that makes our entire Mustang community incredibly proud. For a small rural school, this recognition highlights the incredible potential of our students and the power of a community committed to their success. Our students are growing, our teachers are making an impact, and Algodones is moving forward.





September also brought a little extra Mustang magic as our students participated in a schoolwide election to officially name our Mustang mascot! Students had the opportunity to cast their votes, and the winning name was revealed during a schoolwide assembly. What began as a mascot has become another way for our students to feel connected to their school and proud to be Algodones Mustangs.

The excitement hasn't stopped with academics. Our after-school opportunities are expanding, giving students even more ways to discover their talents and interests. Mariachi and violin have begun, filling our school with music and giving students the opportunity to learn instruments, perform, and experience the joy that comes from creating music together. Our Mustangs have also been busy with cross country, and soon even more opportunities will begin with chess, art club, and tutoring—giving students new ways to discover their talents, build confidence, and shine beyond the classroom.

We also opened an additional kindergarten classroom this month and welcomed a new teacher to our Mustang family. Growing enrollment is an exciting challenge, and adding another classroom gives our youngest learners more space, attention, and opportunities to build a strong foundation for their years ahead.

Throughout the month, we have continued strengthening our school community through Capturing Kids' Hearts, celebrating students who are "Caught Being Great," recognizing our Mustangs on the Move, supporting families through our first food distribution, and finding new ways to make sure every student knows they are seen, valued, and capable of something great.

There is a lot happening at Algodones—but underneath every new program, celebration, data point, and accomplishment is one thing that hasn't changed: our people. Our teachers, educational assistants, support staff, families, community partners, and students continue to show up for one another.

Our theme this year is "Charting Our Course to Excellence: Small Moves, Big Impact," and September has shown exactly what that means. Excellence doesn't happen because of one big moment. It happens through hundreds of small decisions made every day—a teacher giving a student another chance, a child refusing to give up, a staff member stepping in wherever needed, a family getting their child to school, or a community partner choosing to invest in our kids.

Those small moves are adding up.

A newly named Mustang. New music filling our hallways. More opportunities for students. A school moving out of low-performing status. State-leading student growth. And a community that continues to believe in what is possible for every child who walks through our doors.

There is something special happening at Algodones Elementary.

We are proud of how far our Mustangs have come—and we are just getting started.

Point Positive. Small Moves. Big Impact. Go Mustangs!

Cochiti Schools

Cougars Celebrate, Laugh, and ROAR!

Our August Awards Assembly was full of laughter, celebration, and plenty of Cougar silliness! Students and staff had a blast celebrating all of the hard work and accomplishments from the month of August.

There was some serious competition during our games! From the unforgettable "I Will Always Love You" drum challenge to the Oreo Minute to Win It challenge, there were plenty of laughs and cheers from the crowd. Our middle schoolers also came ready to compete and reclaimed the win from last month!

Of course, the best part of the assembly was recognizing our amazing Cougars. We celebrated students for attendance, achievement, and the many ways they support our school community. We were especially excited to recognize our Students of the Month and see so many families join us to celebrate their kiddos. Having families there cheering, taking pictures, and sharing in these special moments made the celebration even better.Thank you to our families for coming out and celebrating with us, and congratulations to all of our August award recipients! We love finding ways to recognize our students, have some fun, and build great memories together.

Way to ROAR, Cougars!



Something New for Our Littlest Cougars!

We are excited to share a wonderful new addition for our littlest Cougars! Through the continued collaboration between CEMS and La Escuelita, a new piece of playground equipment has been installed for our youngest learners to enjoy.

Play is such an important part of learning and development, and we are thrilled to provide another space where our students can be active, explore, build friendships, and simply have fun. Seeing improvements like this come together is a great reminder of what can happen when we work collaboratively to support our students.

A very special shoutout to Ms. Alicia Guerrero and Wally Gurule for all of their coordination, time, and work to make this happen. We truly appreciate their efforts and the continued partnership with La Escuelita.

It has been great to see our littlest Cougars enjoying their new playground equipment!



🍦 Celebrating Attendance and Showing Our Cougar Spirit! 🐾

Our Cougars had a great time celebrating this month's attendance incentive with an Ice Cream Social! Students enjoyed a special treat and time together as we celebrated the importance of being at school and ready to learn. Our schoolwide attendance goal is 95%, and incentives like this are one way we recognize and encourage our students for making attendance a priority. Every day at school provides another opportunity to learn, connect with friends and teachers, and continue growing.

We are encouraging all of our students to be at school as much as possible and to keep working toward our 95% goal. We understand that there are times when students need to be absent, but when students are healthy and able to attend, we want them here! Thank you to our families for partnering with us, encouraging strong attendance habits, and helping students understand that showing up matters. We look forward to continuing our attendance celebrations and finding fun ways to recognize our Cougars throughout the year.

We also had an amazing turnout for our Patriotic Spirit Day! Our hallways and classrooms were filled with red, white, and blue, and we loved seeing so many students and staff participate. Spirit Days are a fun way to build school pride, strengthen our sense of community, and give our students another reason to look forward to coming to school. Thank you, Cougars, for showing up, joining in the fun, and showing your Cougar Pride!

Placitas Schools

Placitas Elementary Continues to Shine

Placitas Elementary is proud to once again earn the New Mexico Public Education Department's Spotlight designation—the state's highest school designation, reserved for schools performing within the top 25% across New Mexico.

Our schoolwide achievement data reflects the continued dedication of our students and staff:

- 66% of students are proficient or advanced in reading
- 43% of students are proficient or advanced in mathematics
- Since 2023–24, reading proficiency has increased by approximately 9 percentage points
- Since 2023–24, math proficiency has increased by approximately 4 percentage points
- Regular attendance has increased by approximately 9 percentage points

At Placitas, our focus remains firmly on student achievement. In classrooms, students are becoming active participants and leaders in their own learning. They engage in meaningful turn-and-talk discussions, explain and defend their thinking, learn collaboratively, and teach their classmates at the board.These practices give students greater ownership, strengthen academic language, and help them develop the confidence to communicate what they know. Our teachers are intentionally creating classrooms where student voices are heard and students understand what they are learning, why it matters, and how they can continue growing.







The Speed of the Panther

Something exciting and new is also happening at Placitas Elementary: our **first-ever cross-country team!** Through a partnership with **NB3**, our student-athletes are building endurance, confidence, perseverance, and teamwork. Led by **Coach Phillips**, our runners have proudly represented Placitas and are already showing everyone the **speed and determination of a Panther!**

We are incredibly proud of our Panthers and grateful to our staff, families, and community for supporting their success—in the classroom and on the course. **Placitas Panthers are learning, leading, and racing toward success!**

Santo Domingo Schools

At Santo Domingo Elementary and Middle School, we know our students are brilliant, resilient, and deeply rooted. Every day, we have the privilege of walking alongside them as they challenge themselves, support one another, overcome obstacles, and continue to fortify their roots and grow their wings.

The recently released New Mexico Vistas scores give us another reason to celebrate their hard work. These scores reflect student growth and achievement in reading, math, and science, along with school attendance.

Our students demonstrated tremendous growth this year. Santo Domingo Middle School increased its Vistas score to 51.5, continuing its strong upward trajectory. Santo Domingo Elementary School increased its score by more than 12 points, from 34.3 to 46.6, and moved from a Comprehensive Support designation to a Traditional School designation.

These numbers represent much more than a score. They represent students showing up and believing in themselves; teachers and staff holding high expectations while providing care and support; families encouraging learning at home; and community members and Tribal leaders surrounding our children with culture, strength, guidance, and a belief in what they can accomplish.

This achievement belongs to our entire community, but most especially to our students. We are incredibly proud of the work they have done and grateful to everyone who walks alongside them.

Our SD Royalty represented us in the NM State Fair Parade with a Kewa spin on the Route 66 theme. Our royalty court members are: Louis Sanchez, King; Cenovia Tenorio, Queen; Aiden Garcia, Prince; Ruby Ann Toledo, Princess; and Natalia Calabaza, Duchess. Join us on November 19th at 5:30 PM for our 2026 Royalty Pageant. We give special thanks to our sponsors, Delphia Garcia, Avonne Garcia, and Vera Abieta.





This Friday, September 25th Santo Domingo will host our first Little Trojans Cross Country meet from 4:30-6pm. We have elementary runners from five schools competing. Please come out and root on our amazing athletes.



Spartan Learning Academy

September was an exciting and meaningful month at Spartan Learning Academy, filled with opportunities for students to demonstrate leadership, build connections, and support important causes.

Student Council kicked off the month by hosting elections for new members. Seventh-grade students interested in serving their school community stepped forward and delivered speeches to their peers, sharing their ideas and reasons for wanting to represent the student body. Our students did a phenomenal job speaking in front of their classmates and demonstrating confidence, courage, and Spartan pride throughout the election process.



Suicide Pervention Awareness

Student Council also helped recognize Suicide Prevention Awareness Month by hosting a special lunchtime activity focused on friendship, kindness, and connection. Students had the opportunity to make friendship bracelets for one another, creating a positive space where students could connect with their peers and show their support for one another.

SLA was also honored to welcome the Northern Red Ribbon Runners to our campus. Their visit provided our students and staff with an opportunity to come together as a school community and recognize the important message carried by the runners.



Northern Red Ribbon



Student Council Elections for New Members

September was a great example of what it means to be a Spartan.

Whether stepping up to lead, showing kindness to a friend, or welcoming special visitors to our campus, SLA students continue to demonstrate GANAS and pride in their school community.

The Spirit of Outstanding Service Award



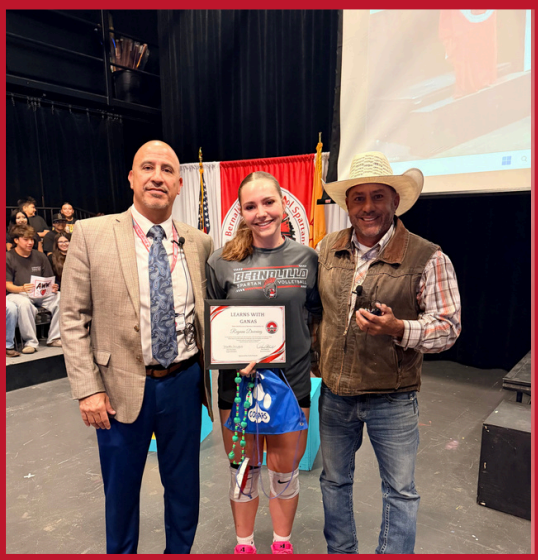
Operational Support of the Month
Bruce "James" Houston
Sponsored by Wire Nut Electric



Instructional Support of the Month
Jasmin Pollock, Cynthia Thomas
Katrice Grant,Holly Blue Sky
Sponsored by J & M Printing



Administrator of the Month
Krissy Casaus
Sponsored by MA Strategies



Student of the Month
Rayann Downing
Sponsored by Circle B Ranch

Teacher of the Month - Sponsored by Superintendent Matt Montaño
Kemar Green

If you would like to nominate a BPS employee for the Spirit of Outstanding Service award, please complete the nomination form using the QR code or web address below. Thank you.

http://bit.ly/3YJbpqi

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LET'S TALK LITERACY

NO STRESS, NO EVALUATION– just partnership.

BIT.LY/CLSDCENTRAL

COACHING CONTINUUM & MENU

TRY IT TODAY

Turn and TALK

Who's Doing the Talking?

"WHOEVER IS DOING THE TALKING IS DOING THE LEARNING."

-JEN YORK-BARR

Students need lots of opportunities to think out loud, explain their ideas, use new vocabulary, and respond to others. Consider shifting to student-to-student talk with *intentionally structured* strategies like think-pair-share, Turn and Talk, or structured partner conversations that include student accountability.

BEFORE CALLING ON A STUDENT, GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO TURN, TALK, AND PRACTICE THEIR THINKING WITH A PARTNER.

MORE STUDENT TALK=MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN!

MAXIMIZING TURN AND TALK: TIPS & TRICKS VIDEO

Justa heads-up! The CLSD team is not promoting or endorsing the Be GLAD Project. We're sharing this video because it has some helpful tips and tricks for building accountability and making turn-and-talks more meaningful in the classroom.



You are a part of the system!

Think of literacy as more than just reading and writing. Aliteracy system is all the pieces that work together to help students become confident, capable readers and writers.

Itconnects instruction, assessment, intervention, professional learning, leadership, and family engagement so that everyone is working toward the same goal, helping every student thrive in literacy.

When the pieces connect, students benefit.

Want to learn more about how we're strengthening literacy systems across our district? Hear from our District CLSD Coordinator about the work happening to support teachers, students, and literacy instruction. Read the latest Coordinator Causerie update here!

Ready to Collaborate?

Looking at your **BOY data** and wondering what it might be telling you?

Use our brief coaching request form to let us know if you'd like a literacy coach to partner with you in reviewing your BOY data, identifying trends, and thinking through instructional next steps. This is a non-evaluative, collaborative process designed to help you **make sense of the data** and determine what support may be most useful for your students.

READY TO Collaborate?

SCAN OR VISIT: bit.ly/literacytogether

Literacy System Highlight: Assessment

Assessment is theprocessof gathering information about what students know and can do in order to make informed instructional decisions. Effective assessment systems involve using reliable assessments and clear procedures to help identify needs, monitor progress, and adjust instruction to support student growth.



"Assessment is today's means of modifying tomorrow's instruction."

—Carol Ann Tomlinson



Assessment Types



Universal Screening Assessment
(Like a blood pressure or temperature check at the doctor)

-What is the overall health of the system?
-Who is at risk?



Diagnostic Assessment
(Like a mechanic digging deeper)

-What might be causing the risk?
-What do we need to do about it?



Progress Monitoring Assessments
(Like a GPS)

-Are we going in the right direction?
-Will we get there in time?



Outcome Assessments
(Like a timed run/race)

-How did we do?
-What can we learn for next time?

Amira Reports Highlight

AMIRA TEACHER REPORTS REFERENCE GUIDE

Use thisreferenceguideto learn more about Amira reports and their intended use, sources, and insights.

AMIRA PROGRESS REPORT WALKTHROUGH

Use this walk through tool to see a growth and projection chart for every student session, scored transcripts & recordings of Assess & Tutor sessions.

*Have questions about **assessment administration, testing windows, or assessment-related processes**? Reach out to **Jennifer Trujillo (jtrujillo@bernalillops.org)** for support, clarification, and guidance.*

Have an idea, question, or literacy win to share? We'd love to hear from you!

CLSDTeam@bernalillops.org

Thank you for being a part of our literacy community!

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COACHING CONTINUUM & MENU

Bernalillo Public Schools

STRATEGIC PLAN

FAMILIES

Your voice shapes our schools

We are writing the district's next strategic plan, and we want to hear from you. Share your hopes and concerns by signing up for a focus group and scan here below to share your input. There is also a survey if you are not available for an upcoming focus group.

FOCUS

Scan to sign up for a Focus Group
or click here

ENGLISH

Scan to take the survey
or click here

We would love to hear from you!

BERNALILLO PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTRODUCES OUR 2026

FALL INTO LITERACY HARVESTING KNOWLEDGE

- Games
- Live Music
- Trunk or Treat
- Petting Zoo
- Car show
- Local Vendors

LOCATION: BERNALILLO HIGH SCHOOL - 148 SPARTAN ALLEY, BERNALILLO, NM 87004

LIVE BAND- STR8 SHOT

OCTOBER 10TH, 2026

START AT

10:00AM - 2:00PM

Trunk or Treat Sign Up

REMINDER: CLEAR BAG POLICY IN PLACE



MIDNIGHT IN RIO

MONDAY 10/19

MOVIE NIGHT & MASK DECORATING
VACATION GONE WRONG
(NECK PILLOWS, FACE MASKS, SUNBURN, & SOCK W/SANDALS)

TUESDAY 10/20

CARNIVAL
JUNGLE EXPLORER
(ANIMAL PRINT / CAMO)

WEDNESDAY 10/21

PARADE PREP
SAMBA SLUMBER
(PJ DAY)

THURSDAY 10/22

PARADE & POWDER PUFF GAME
TROPICAL SPARTANS
(CLASS COLORS, FEATHERS AND SEQUINS)

FRIDAY 10/23 PEP RALLY

FOOTBALL GAME
RIO DE JANERIO GETAWAY
(SPARTAN GEAR WITH BEACH ATTIRE)

OCTOBER 19TH -24 TH

SPARTAN'S RIO RHAPSODY

@BERNALILLO CAFETERIA
OCTOBER 24TH
7:00 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.



Superintendent's Advisory Committees



Be a part of the Superintendent's Advisory Committees! We're looking for Teachers, Parents and Students, who want to share ideas, provide feedback, and help shape the future of our schools.

Join the Teacher Advisory, Parent Advisory, or Student Advisory Committee and make your voice heard. Scan the QR code to apply today!

SCAN ME

Teacher Advisory

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Parent Advisory

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Student Advisory

These committees meet monthly and play a key role in shaping district priorities by providing input on important initiatives, programs, and policies. It's a meaningful way to stay informed, ask questions, and make a difference for our students.

If you would like to nominate a BPS employee for the **Spirit of Outstanding Service award**, please complete the nomination form using the QR code or web address below. Thank you.

Spirit of Outstanding Service Link



2ND ANNUAL

SPARTAN SHOWDOWN

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 1:30

Town of Bernalillo
Rotary Park

★ DOUBLE ELIMINATION ★

BEGINNER • INTERMEDIATE • COMPETITIVE

REGISTER NOW – $50 PER TEAM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: OCTOBER 4, 2026

Cash Prizes

BEGINNER • INTERMEDIATE • COMPETITIVE

★ *Cash Prizes* ★

- FOOD TRUCK
- MUSIC
- SILENT AUCTION
- KAKTUS BREWERY
- 50/50 RAFFLE
- SHOW AND SHINE CAR SHOW

SCAN TO REGISTER

No outside food or drinks
Bring your own chairs and shade
Bring your family!
Fun for all ages!

Scan to register at my.cheddarup.com

For more information, email spartanboosterclub25@gmail.com

October

Date	Event
October 6	SLA Volleyball vs. ERMS, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
October 7	SLA Football vs. West Las Vegas, 4:00 p.m.
October 8	SLA Volleyball vs. Santo Domingo, 4:00 p.m.
October 8	The District of Bernalillo Public Schools Board of Education Board Work Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
October 9	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 10	Harvest Fest 2026, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
October 11	Cornhole Tournament, 1:00–5:00 p.m.
October 12	Parent Advisory, 5:30 p.m.
October 13	SLA Volleyball vs. Albuquerque Academy
October 15	All District, 3:45 p.m.
October 22	The District of Bernalillo Public Schools Board of Education Board Regular Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
October 26	Teacher Advisory, 4:00 p.m.
October 29	Santo Domingo Trunk or Treat
October 31	Halloween

Bernalillo Public Schools - Food Services

October Meals

All Schools

Breakfast and lunch menus for all schools, in one place.

Menu Nutrition link

As of October 1st 2025 THE DISTRICT of Bernalillo Public Schools requires that

ALL EVENTS hosted on Bernalillo Public Schools property- including but not limited to sporting events, festivals, performances, and concerts- follow the clear bag policy.

ALL bags and backpacks MUST BE CLEAR to enter the event. Failure to comply may result in denied entry.

We appreciate your cooperation.