



# Los Alamos Public Schools

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## PED 2017 School Grades



### School Grading Report Card 2017

#### Los Alamos High

District: Los Alamos Public Schools

Grade Range: 10-12 Code: 41080

Final Grade 2017

**A**

Overall Score 84.68

Today, the Public Education Department (PED) released 2017 Grades for schools across New Mexico. The grading system is primarily based upon PED-defined growth in math and reading test scores.

#### **Grades for Los Alamos Public Schools**

Aspen Elementary School – A, 77.47 points  
Barranca Mesa Elementary School - A, 85.57 points  
Chamisa Elementary School – A, 78.96 points  
Mountain Elementary School – A, 87.00 points  
Piñon Elementary School – A, 86.01 points  
Los Alamos Middle School – D, 49.36 points  
Topper Freshman Academy – B, 73.44 points  
Los Alamos High School – A, 84.68 points

#### **Here is how the point system works:**

- 40 points for meeting expected improvement (PED statistical calculation)
- 10 points for academic progress
- 20 points for improvement of higher-performing students
- 20 points for improvement of the lowest-performing students
- 10 points based upon student and family beliefs that school is a good place to attend and learn
- Schools can earn up to 5 bonus points for reducing truancy, promoting extracurricular activities, engaging families, and using technology

As a continuous improvement school district, next steps for Los Alamos will include analyzing the

PED growth calculations and then: (1) conducting root cause analyses about student achievement in reading and mathematics, (2) reviewing and modifying the school goals for this year, and (3) providing extra support for teachers and staff in our schools.

This year, all schools in Los Alamos have aligned strategic plans with established goals for student/staff well-being and achievement in reading and mathematics.

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