

**DISTANCE LEARNING POLICY**  
**OF THE NEW AMERICA SCHOOL - NEW MEXICO**

The purpose of this Distance Learning Policy is to ensure the rights of the students regarding distance learning courses while in The New America School- New Mexico (the "NAS-NM"), a New Mexico non-profit educational institution a New Mexico public charter school for students with exceptional promise in the arts.

A. Prior to the first day of school for students at the Charter School in fall, 2010, the Charter School shall:

- (1) designate a school site coordinator;
- (2) designate a school official to approve or disapprove students' requests to participate in any distance learning courses or programs for credit or a grade pursuant to criteria established by the Charter School;
- (3) assign scheduled class periods during the school day that correspond to the number of distance learning courses students are taking while making it possible for students to maintain a class schedule which incorporates both distance learning courses and locally scheduled classes without conflict;
- (4) monitor student progress;
- (5) ensure compliance with all federal and state statutes pertaining to student privacy, the posting of images on the internet, copyright or duplication of materials, and rules pertaining to the public broadcasting of audio and video technology;
- (6) ensure the security of individual student data and records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act [20 U.S. Code 1232g];
- (7) ensure that all teachers of distance learning courses meet the highly qualified teacher requirements of the current authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 [20 U.S. Code 6301];
- (8) establish the written criteria and approval process for determining the appropriateness of particular distance learning courses for each individual student prior to student enrollment in distance learning courses; including that all core curriculum delivered by distance learning courses must meet or exceed the state content standards with benchmarks and performance standards; and
- (9) determine the process for the prompt removal or non-use of a distance learning course provider should irregularities or deficiencies in the provider's services become apparent.

B. If the Charter School decides to utilize a distance learning option not provided by IDEAL-NM, the Charter School must provide documentation to the Public Education Department that the distance learning course meets the state content standards with benchmarks and performance standards.

This Distance Learning Policy was adopted by resolution of the Board of Trustees of the School for the Arts - New Mexico, a New Mexico nonprofit educational institution, and

the Governing Board of The New Mexico School, a New Mexico public charter high school effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

The New America School-NM

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\_\_\_\_\_, Chair  
Of the Governing Board

Attest:

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\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
Of the Governing Board

(Legal Reference: 6.30.8 NMAC)