



# 2026 Nusenda Credit Union State Swimming & Diving Championships

## Girls

Albuquerque Academy continued its historic dominance Saturday, capturing its tenth consecutive girls team championship at the Nusenda Credit Union State Swimming and Diving Championships. The Chargers finished with 469 points, outpacing runner-up Clovis High School by a commanding 213-point margin. La Cueva High School placed third with 220 points, while Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School led all small schools for the fourth consecutive year, finishing with 145 points.

Albuquerque Academy's depth was evident in the relays, as the Chargers claimed state titles in the 200-yard medley relay, 200-yard freestyle relay, and 400-yard freestyle relay. Individually, Riley Rosandich won the 100-yard freestyle, while teammate Sophia Siebenthal earned the state title in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Among other individual champions, Matilda Nethery of Albuquerque High School swept the distance freestyle events, winning both the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle races. MacKayla Smith of Clovis claimed titles in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke, while Dara Ayala of Centennial High School posted the fastest time in the 50-yard freestyle. Cottonwood Classical's Saaya Bhakta won the 100-yard butterfly, and Kinley Gonzales of Hobbs High School captured the girls state diving championship.



## Boys

Albuquerque Academy successfully defended its title Saturday, capturing the boys team championship for the second consecutive year at the Nusenda Credit Union State Swimming and Diving Championships. The Chargers finished atop the team standings with 246 points, holding off Eldorado High School, which placed second with 224 points, and La Cueva High School, which finished third with 218 points. Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School once again led all small schools, earning that distinction for the fourth straight year with 172 points.

Albuquerque Academy secured team victories in both the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay. Individually, Charger standout Shepard Camp claimed state titles in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke, while teammate Soren Carlson won the 100-yard freestyle.

Among other individual champions, Mark Cecco of Eldorado earned first place in the 200-yard freestyle. Ian Wald made history for Santa Fe High School, becoming the school's first boys swimmer in 20 years to win a state title with his victory in the 50-yard freestyle. Cottonwood Classical's Roman Rodriguez captured titles in both the 100-yard butterfly (record time-47.71) and 100-yard backstroke, while teammate Josiah Jacobson won the 500-yard freestyle. Volcano Vista High School earned the state title in the 200-yard freestyle relay, and Alfredo Hernandez of Hobbs High School won the boys diving competition.

