



New Mexico MESA Student Chapter Constitution

Article I — Name

The name of this organization shall be the **[School Name] NM MESA Chapter**, operating as an affiliated chapter of **New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (NM MESA)**.

Article II — Mission and Purpose

The purpose of the NM MESA Chapter is to support and inspire student achievement in mathematics, engineering, science, technology, and leadership through collaborative learning, innovation, and community engagement.

The chapter shall:

1. Promote academic excellence and college readiness.
 2. Encourage participation in STEM projects, competitions, and research.
 3. Develop leadership, teamwork, and project management skills.
 4. Foster creativity, innovation, and ethical problem-solving.
 5. Support equitable access to STEM opportunities for all students.
 6. Represent the mission and values of NM MESA within the school and community.
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Article III — Affiliation and Governance

The NM MESA Chapter operates as a school-based affiliated organization under the statewide New Mexico MESA program.

The statewide NM MESA organization shall serve as the governing and administrative authority through its Executive Director and Board of Directors.

All NM MESA chapters shall operate in alignment with:

- NM MESA policies,
- educational standards,
- competition requirements,
- and school regulations.

Student chapters retain leadership authority over local chapter activities, projects, and student participation while supporting the mission and objectives of NM MESA.

Article IV — Membership

Section 1 — Eligibility

Membership shall be open to students enrolled at [School Name] who are interested in STEM education, innovation, leadership, and NM MESA activities.

Section 2 — Member Responsibilities

Members are expected to:

- Participate actively in meetings and projects,
- Demonstrate respect and professionalism,
- Collaborate positively with teammates,
- Follow school and NM MESA guidelines,
- Maintain academic integrity,
- Support an inclusive learning environment.

Section 3 — Member Rights

Members may:

- Participate in chapter activities and competitions,
- Vote in chapter elections and decisions,
- Seek leadership positions,

- Represent the chapter in statewide activities when eligible.
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Article V — Chapter Representation and Voting

Each recognized NM MESA school chapter shall serve as a participating member within the statewide NM MESA student organization structure.

The chapter may designate student representatives to participate in statewide meetings, leadership activities, conferences, or voting opportunities established by NM MESA.

Procedures regarding representation, participation, and voting eligibility may be further defined through chapter bylaws or NM MESA leadership guidelines.

Article VI — Officers

Section 1 — Officer Positions

The officers of the chapter may include:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Project Manager
- Communications Officer

Additional leadership positions may be established as needed.

Section 2 — Duties of Officers

President

- Leads chapter meetings and activities,
- Supports chapter organization and communication,
- Represents the chapter at school and NM MESA events.

Vice President

- Assists the President,
- Oversees committees and projects,
- Assumes leadership responsibilities when necessary.

Secretary

- Maintains attendance and meeting records,
- Distributes announcements and meeting information.

Treasurer

- Assists with budgeting and fundraising activities,
- Maintains records of chapter funds when applicable.

Project Manager

- Helps organize projects, timelines, and competition preparation,
- Supports team coordination and task management.

Communications Officer

- Promotes chapter events and activities,
- Supports outreach and communication efforts.

Article VII — Elections and Terms

Section 1 — Elections

Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of active chapter members.

Section 2 — Terms

Officer terms shall last one academic year unless otherwise determined by the chapter.

Section 3 — Vacancies

If an officer position becomes vacant, the chapter may appoint or elect a replacement.

Article VIII — Meetings

1. Regular meetings shall be held throughout the academic year.

2. Special meetings may be called by chapter officers or advisors.
 3. Members are encouraged to attend regularly and participate actively.
 4. Meeting procedures may be further defined through chapter bylaws.
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Article IX — Committees

The chapter may establish committees or project teams to support:

- STEM competitions,
- engineering design projects,
- community outreach,
- fundraising,
- recruitment,
- mentoring,
- and event planning.

Committee leaders may be appointed or elected as appropriate.

Article X — Advisors

The chapter shall work under the guidance of designated teacher known as a MESA advisor approved by the school and NM MESA program.

Advisors provide support in:

- chapter organization,
 - student safety,
 - educational guidance,
 - and compliance with school and NM MESA policies.
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Article XI — Finances

1. Chapter funds raised shall be used solely to support educational and organizational purposes consistent with the NM MESA mission.

2. Fundraising activities must comply with school and NM MESA policies.
 3. Financial oversight procedures include final year-end accounting of NM MESA distributed school club activity funds to the MESA Regional Coordinator, and in accordance with school policies for carry-forward into the new school year.
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Article XII — Code of Conduct

Members shall:

- Treat others with respect and professionalism,
- Promote inclusion and teamwork,
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity,
- Follow safety procedures during activities and competitions,
- Represent NM MESA positively within the school and community.

Failure to uphold these standards may result in disciplinary action consistent with school and NM MESA policies.

Article XIII — Amendments

This constitution may be amended by:

1. Presenting proposed amendments to chapter members,
 2. Allowing time for review and discussion,
 3. Approval by a two-thirds vote of active members,
 4. Review by the chapter advisor when appropriate.
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Article XIV — Ratification

This constitution shall become effective upon approval by the chapter membership and advisor.