

TO: All New Mexico Theatre
Educators

FROM: New Mexico Thespian
Board



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New Mexico
Thespians

New Mexico

Greetings everyone! Here are all the things!

Step 1: Here they are!

Registration- <https://nmthespians.ludus.com/200546535>

T-shirt order form for after registering - <https://nmthespians.ludus.com/200546447>

Step 2: Register your one acts and student events

One Act Registration-

<https://edta-chapter-events.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/NewMexico/solicitations/1636/home>

Thespy registration

<https://edta.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/NewMexico/solicitations/1626/home>

Thespys- Playwriting & Film

<https://thespys.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/NewMexico/solicitations/1627/home>

Distinguished Senior-

<https://edta-chapter-events.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/NewMexico/solicitations/1624/home>

Step 3: Check out the Tech Specs for Volcano Vista attached to this email

Step 4: Think about if you would like to teach a workshop at this year's event. If so, please contact Melissa Munoz melissacmunoz@hotmail.com to discuss the option further.

Step 5: If you are entering a one act, think about the possibility of going to Internationals. We can nominate one show and typically consult with the first place winners of the competition. If you win and decide to go, all students must be enrolled with the International Thespian Society.

<https://schooltheatre.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/EventsTeam/IQCADbJHOxzmQY893bExKXqIAfSKRoOssqLD7wIRQiS9vEM?e=eqSQuU> for some additional things to think about.

Step 6: Download and print the PDF attached to this email the NM EdTA Code of Conduct/media form. Make a copy for each student attending and have them fill it out and

sign it. Plan to bring them with you to the Fest! Also, read through it with them. :)

Step 7: Fill out the NMAA Verification Form attached to this email and plan to bring it with you to the festival. Please make sure all your students and school are in compliance.

NMAA Sanctioned Activity – VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

- The NMAA One Act Competition and Thespian Festival will happen November 12th- 14th 2026. Festival will be in person November 12th-14th at Volcano Vista High School in Albuquerque, NM

Your NM State Thespian Officers have already been hard at work and are excited to announce this year's theme:

Hollywood vs Broadway

There will be themed days for students who want to dress up: one for Hollywood and one for Broadway but the last day of Fest is "Red Carpet."

- o We will offer workshops
- o We will offer college auditions
- o We will offer the Distinguished Senior Scholarship Award
- o The thirty-five minute time allotment for one acts will be in place.
- YOU NEED TWO PEOPLE for lights and sound as those jobs are in VERY different spaces at Volcano Vista
- o One act plays MUST follow legal copyright guidelines. Anyone found to disregard acceptable legal rules will be subject to disqualification, fines, and banishment as a school from future events. Please get your rights and be prepared to prove legitimacy of the content.
- o Each student may only participate in ONE Thespy and the one act OR two Thespys if they are not involved with the one act competition. If you choose to do two Thespys, one MUST be a technical Thespy, short film counts as a technical Thespy.
- o We do not want to get into a censorship debate, however, it is essential that plays that deal with adult content and language be flagged appropriately in order to allow the audience the chance to decide what is appropriate for the students present. Please be prepared to provide a copy of your script THREE weeks ahead of time for perusal.
- o New Mexico state theatre students are welcome to participate in Thespys with the understanding that they are not eligible to compete at the International Festival if they are not official Thespians before they register for the International Festival.
- Students must get Superior ratings to qualify for Nationals.
- Registration will be in Open Water again.

The prices are as follows.

School reg \$70, Student participant \$40 per student , Thespys \$18 , One Act \$375, Additional chaperone shirt \$10.

- The Code of Conduct must be signed and brought to the event.
- We will be using the 2026-2027 Thespys guide and rubrics. Please look closely at the rules and rights before you bring student to Festival [Thespys - Educational Theatre Association](#)

Feel free to email your questions to gaelnatal@gmail.com or melissa.souers@rrps.net

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Please note: Schools will be disqualified for copyright violations, such as performing without the rights to a show or adding copyrighted material to student written or out of copyright shows. In addition, they will be disqualified for the following year. We cannot accept the liability that comes with accepting or being viewed as encouraging copyright violations.

Content of school plays need to be appropriate for high school viewers. What is appropriate may vary depending on community standards for each school, so we are reinstating the principal's signature on registration documents indicating that the show is approved for that location. We are also asking for more specific information about content in order to ensure correct content warnings are available to all directors and students if they do not want to participate in viewing a show.

Set pieces may be banned if it is determined that the construction of said pieces are not safe, do not fit in the intended spaces, or may damage the stage.

For full one act rules and response forms sheets please visit www.nmact.org/activities/drama-one-act-play/

Please fill out these short Google Forms at your earliest convenience if you have not already:

[NMEdTA 2026-2027 Information - Google Forms](#)

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If you would like to attend the next NM Thespian Board meeting or would like to help the NM Board, please let us know. We are a non-profit and no board members are compensated for their time.

We look forward to talking to you soon!

Gael Natal & Melissa Souers, Co-Directors, NM Thespian Board