

2014 NM MESA Day Information: School

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Currently, the convention center is undergoing a large renovation. With that we have arranged our event to try and minimize the effect. Some areas that were open in previous years are closed, so this information may be slightly different.
- You are reminded to visit the event site on our NM MESA website. All important information has been uploaded here including team assignments, maps, updated FAQ document, updated Agenda, etc.
- Report times are as follows and are on the agenda:
 - Registration -7:30-8:30
 - Student Leadership Council-8:00
 - Prepared Design Practice -8:00-8:30 ONLY
 - ALL SCHOOLS MUST REPORT BY 8AM
- All schools are to report to the 3rd Floor in front of the Kiva Auditorium to check in. Upon arrival send your students into the Kiva. If you are a high school, your teams are to check in your academic display in the lower level atrium.
- You should have already received your roster from your Regional Coordinator. These are the allowable students that can attend MESA Day.
- Team shift assignments and event assignments are uploaded to the Event Site.

MEALS:

All menus have been posted on the website. If you need to order meals in advance or are paying with a purchase order you NEED to get your order in by COB on Friday, February 21. If you need a W9 vendor form, please get with your Regional Coordinator as this was distributed to each RC.

DRESS:

All students are to have name badges (MESA is not providing). It is ESSENTIAL they know their team number.

PARKING/LOADING:

There is no public vehicle parking. On the parking map it shows all the available vehicle parking. Directions to the Convention Center Parking Garage are below and special event parking is \$6 for the day. There are other options available if you prefer. With the construction, there is revised bus loading/unloading instructions than in the handbook.

All busses are instructed to load/unload in the **Tijeras Service Road** Entrance in front of the East Complex.

- Go West on MLK from I-25. Take a left on Broadway, get to right lane. Take a right on Tijeras and a right on Commercial. At the 4 way stop, take a left on the Tijeras Service Road.
- This will be directly in front of the East Complex.
- For safety teams are to enter the East Complex go up the escalators and cross the Skybridge. This will take all directly in front of the Kiva Auditorium. PLEASE DO NOT have your students cross 2nd street from the outside. These times are very busy traffic times.

As a secondary option (for public school busses ONLY), there is a bus lane on 2nd street between the East and West Complex. But this is a city bus lane and the ONLY vehicles allowed to be here are public school busses and there is no parking or wait time. But, this may be easier for some.

Either way, it is HIGHLY SUGGESTED you get the number of your driver to let them know when you are ready for pick up.

To Convention Center Parking Garage: Go West on MLK from I-25. The entrance is West of Broadway on the left side. Once you park. You will enter the doors into the East Complex. Go through the East Complex and through the Skybridge to the West Complex. Our registration tables are right there after the Skybridge.

NOTE: Downtown Albuquerque has MANY one way streets. MLK is a one-way going West and Tijeras is a one-way at some point with the exception of the service road.

To Bus Parking: There is no nearby bus parking available but there are a few public parking areas that would be good to use if your drivers are unfamiliar with Albuquerque and need a parking spot.

- 1.) Travelers Centers of America Truck Stop: <http://www.tatravelcenters.com/location-details/talbuquerque>. This location has 150 public parking spots and is directly off of I-25 at Menaul. Click link for driving directions and information.
- 2.) Winrock Shopping Center: <http://goo.gl/maps/dnNOx> This location has large empty lots and is near areas with food and shopping located off of I-40 and Louisiana.
- 3.) Hotel Parking: If you are staying the night all hotels should have bus parking. Please arrange for as late a check out as possible for your driver.