MESA Buddies 2027

STEM MENTORING • LEADERSHIP • COMMUNITY



A High School–Elementary STEM Mentorship Program

MESA Buddies connects MESA high school students with an elementary classroom (grades 2–5) to deliver hands-on STEAM lessons, mentorship, and career exploration.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

NM MESA will select **5–7 sites statewide** to implement the MESA **Buddies Program** January–May 2027.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- **High school program** with at least **10** participating MESA students.
- All high school students must have an **A–0** completed and submitted.
- Partner **elementary classroom (grades 2–5)** in the same school district with at least 15 students.
- All elementary students must submit an online **parent** authorization form (SurveyMonkey).
- **Preferred 1:2 student ratio** (High School:Elementary). High school students receive a leadership credit each session.
- Commitment to host **8–10 lessons** (provided) and explore trades curriculum, and to participate in the required **Leadership Summit**.
- Coordinate **material distribution**. All core materials are provided by NM MESA.
- Each course will be allowed up to **$500** for additional supplies, end of year event, transportation, or program-specific needs.

KEY DATES & TIMELINE

Nov. 30, 2026 – 5:00 PM
Applications Due via Email to **anita@nmmesa.org**

Dec. 4, 2026
Program Notifications Sent

Dec. 8, 2026 – 4:00–5:30 PM
Orientation Meeting (Required)
Review activity guide and required materials.

Dec. 14, 2026
Acceptance Packet Information Due
Curriculum choice, calendar, budget request (B4), contract, and updated projected roster with summit names.

Jan. 8, 2027 – MESA Buddies Leadership Summit
- **UNM Continuing Education Building:** 1634 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque
- **Lodging:** Home2 Suites – 1660 University Blvd. NE

Jan. 8, 2027
Final Student Rosters and Student Forms Due
Final receipt of materials at school site from NM MESA (materials may be sent earlier upon receipt of acceptance packet).

May 29, 2027
All classes complete and **Final Report Due** with required paperwork to distribute stipends.

NM MESA PROVIDES

- Advisor training and program support.
- A full activity guide and materials **($650+ value)**.
- Site visit (virtual or in person, TBD).
- Monthly check-ins using a provided template.
- Program templates: contract, rosters, calendar, budget form, and final report.

PROGRAM INCENTIVES

Teacher Advisor Stipend
$1,500
Upon fulfillment of course requirements and submittal of required paperwork.

High School Student Stipend
$100
Per participating high school student who completes the Buddies requirements.

APPLY TODAY!

For More Information & Application Materials:
www.nmmesa.org/event/mesa-buddies-program-spring-2027/

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