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NMCD GED Graduation Rates Increase by 124%; Highest in the State

Preparing inmates for reentry into New Mexico communities

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) has increased high school equivalency certifications among its inmates by *124% year-over-year*. From Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2023, more than 180 inmates obtained High School Equivalency (HSE) certifications. This total also surpasses the FY23 goal of 165, which was set by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC).

FY21	FY22	FY23 Total	FY23 Target
118	82	184	165

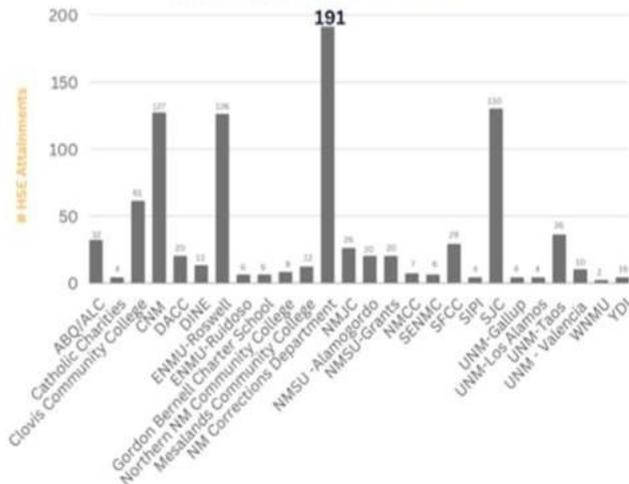
Source: NMCD FY23 Quarter #4 Performance Report

Remarkable milestone

The Corrections Department not only met its goal set by the LFC, but proudly has the highest number of High School Equivalency (HSE) completers of any institute of adult education in the state.

"What a huge success! Thank you for all your hard work. I don't think that I can thank you enough for all that you do. You certainly make such a difference in lives of so many." - Dr. Katya Backhaus, New Mexico Higher Education Department

FY23 HSE Attainment



Source: New Mexico Higher Education Department