

## The Learning Games Lab

Creating research-based, educational games and media.



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### About

New Mexico State University's Learning Games Lab is a collection of professionals creating engaging learning tools and an exploratory environment where gamers play and evaluate games. The goal of the lab is to help people learn through games, video and interactive media and to make learning an experience, not just a test or a drill.

The games developed by the lab are rooted in research and help bring that information to the people. Because of this, these learning tools are developed with a diverse audience in mind and cover a variety of subjects, including math, science, health and nutrition.

NMSU is unique in that its Learning Games Lab has a full department of professionals, including writers, programmers and animators, who are all dedicated to finding the best ways to use technology as a teaching tool. The developers work to address the question: How can learning be improved through the use of innovative media?

To accomplish this goal, the developers research game trends, along with the physical, social and psychological aspects of game use.

### Get Involved

**Create Educational Media:** The lab's researchers partner with several national organizations to create learning tools. Faculty and graduate researchers at NMSU and other institutions are encouraged to partner with lab faculty for research, partnerships in game

development and educational learning game assessment.

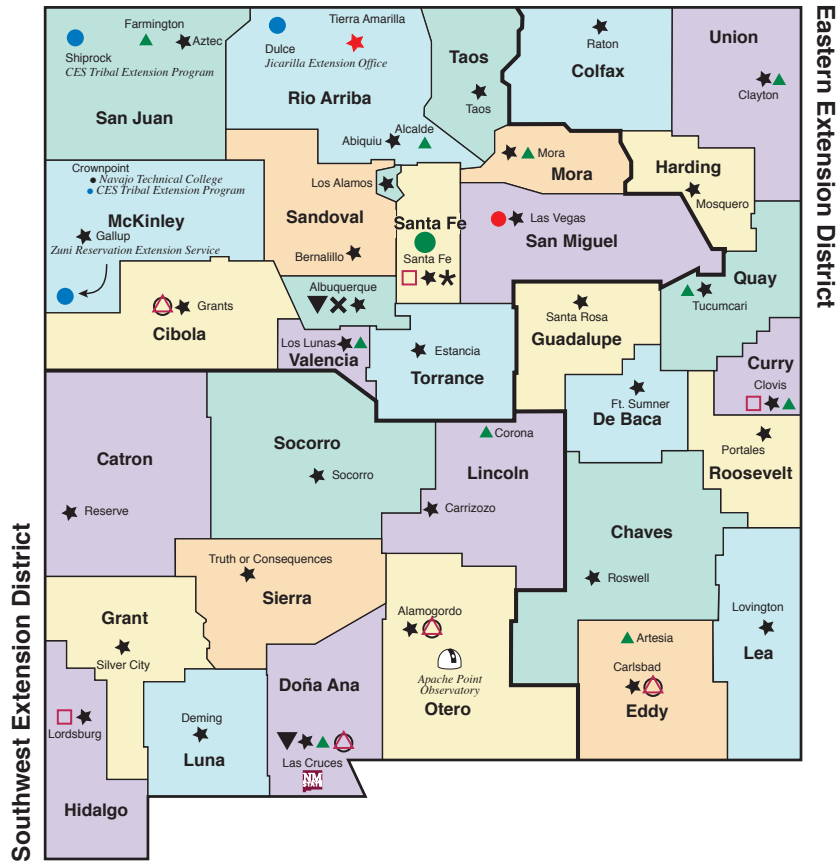
**Become Game Lab Consultants:** The games are tested extensively through all development stages by members of the target audience. These consultants test the games, provide input and even have the opportunity to help the team create the programs, all in an effort to make sure the games are effective and engaging.

Faculty and staff with NMSU's Media Productions group have developed new games and comprehensive guides for programs that would like to use exergames (video games that are also forms of exercise) for in-class or extra-curricular activities. Their games are used in classrooms and schools, as well as informal environments like afterschool programs and at home. Games and videos from NMSU are usually provided free-of charge and are distributed nationally and through the Internet.

### Contact

For more information about the Learning Games Lab, call NMSU's Media Productions unit at (575) 646-2848 or visit [www.learninggameslab.org](http://www.learninggameslab.org).

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