

This is an amendment to 6.12.15 NMAC, Sections 1, 6, and 8, effective July 31, 2023.

**6.12.15.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Public Education Department, hereinafter ~~[referred to as]~~ the department.  
[6.12.15.1 NMAC – N, 10/13/2021; A, 7/31/2023]

**6.12.15.6 OBJECTIVE:** This rule establishes the requirements for ~~[the operation of]~~ public schools ~~[during the COVID-19 pandemic]~~ to adhere to public health orders, executive orders, and department guidance.  
[6.12.15.6 NMAC – N, 10/13/2021; A, 7/31/2023]

**6.12.15.8 REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOLS:**

**A.** ~~[School districts and schools shall]~~ School districts and charter schools shall follow all public health orders, executive orders, and department guidance ~~[including the COVID-19 response toolkit for New Mexico's public schools]~~ for the operation of schools, school sponsored activities, and school premises, including school transportation; and

**B.** ~~[School districts and schools shall]~~ School districts and charter schools shall honor tribal sovereignty and abide by applicable tribal public health orders, tribal executive orders, and tribal council resolutions.  
[6.12.15.8 NMAC – N, 10/13/2021; A, 7/31/2023]