

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Public Hearing. The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing in Mabry Hall located at the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (MST). The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed repeal and replace of 6.60.8 NMAC, Background Checks for Educator Licensure. At the hearing, the PED will provide a verbal summary statement on record. Attendees who wish to provide public comment on record will be given three (3) minutes to make a statement concerning the rule changes. Written comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

Explanation of Purpose and Summary of Text. The purpose of the proposed rule change provides procedures for sharing background information and expands the background check requirement to additional individuals with access to students. Additionally, the structure of the rule was re-organized.

Statutory Authorization(s): Sections 22-2-1, 22-2-2, 22-8-44, 22-10A-5, 22-10A-7, 22-10A-12, 22-10A-12.1, and 28-2-1 through 28-2-6 NMSA 1978

No technical information served as a basis for this proposed rule change.

Public Comment. Interested parties may provide comment at the public hearing or may submit written comments by mail to the Policy Division, New Mexico Public Education Department, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Room 101, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, by electronic mail to rule.feedback@state.nm.us, or by fax to (505) 827-6520. All written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (MST) on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. The PED encourages the early submission of written comments. The public comment period is from Tuesday, November 13, 2018 to Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. (MST). The PED will review all feedback received during the public comment period and issue communication regarding the final decision at a later date.

Copies of the proposed new rule may be accessed through the page titled "Rule Notification" on the PED's website at <http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/>, or may be obtained from the Policy Division at (505) 827-6452 during regular business hours.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format, or who need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact the Policy Division at (505) 827-6452 as soon as possible before the date of the public hearing. The PED requires at least ten (10) calendar days' advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.