

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 Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (MDT). The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed new rule 6.19.9 NMAC, Early Literacy Remediation, Interventions, and Parental Engagement. 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 proposed new rule. Written comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

Rule Change Information. This rule will support students in achieving reading proficiency. The rule establishes the criteria for providing data-driven interventions for students, parent and family communication, providing parents with options to address student progress in reading, and standards for reading proficiency and promotion. In addition, this rule outlines the standards for identifying students who are not proficient in reading and the process schools must follow for these students.

The statutory authorizations include the following:

Section 22-2-1 NMSA 1978 gives the department the authority to adopt, promulgate, and enforce rules necessary to the department's exercise of authority over the control, management, and direction of all public schools.

Sections 22-2C-1 to 13, NMSA 1978 define the criteria for student proficiency, remediation, and promotion.

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

Public Comment. Interested parties may provide comment on the proposed new rule at the public hearing or may submit written comments, or both, to Jamie Gonzales, Policy Division, New Mexico Public Education Department, Room 101, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, or by electronic mail at rule.feedback@state.nm.us, or fax to (505) 827-6681. All written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (MDT) on Thursday, May 17, 2018. The PED encourages the early submission of written comments. The public comment period is from March 27, 2018 to May 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

Copies of the proposed rule may be accessed through the New Mexico Public Education Department's website at <http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/>, or may be obtained from Jamie Gonzales at (505) 827-7889 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 Jamie Gonzales at (505) 827-7889 as soon as possible before the date set for the public hearing. The PED requires at least ten (10) calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.