

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, May 1, 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 6.65.3 NMAC, Educator Preparation Program Accountability. 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 rule changes. Written comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

Rule Change Information. The purpose of the proposed new rule is to improve and strengthen the preparation of day-one ready New Mexico educators by developing standard and transparent processes for the evaluation, review, and approval of educator preparation programs (EPPs) in the state. The rule provides a means for the PED to partner with all EPPs in the state. This will enable the PED to benchmark the productivity and accountability of EPPs to ensure that teachers are able and ready on their first day of instruction to positively impact student learning and development.

The proposed new rule defines the requirements for EPP practices including: entry and exit requirements, clinical practice experiences, candidate observation, alignment with department standards, and submittal of data to the PED. Programs will be evaluated with both a comprehensive site visit review and a scorecard. The results of both the site visit review and the scorecard will be used to determine the program's status and will drive the continuous improvement of the EPP. The proposed new rule maximizes the amount of feedback and data the PED and EPPs receive, allowing both the PED and the EPPs the ability to assess the productivity and accountability of New Mexico's educator work force.

The statutory authorizations include the following:

Section 22-10A-19.2 NMSA 1978 grants the department the authority to design a uniform statewide educator accountability reporting system for all public post-secondary teacher and administrator preparation programs in New Mexico including alternative licensure programs.

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 May 1, 2018. The PED encourages the early submission of written comments. The public comment is from March 27, 2018 to May 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed through the New Mexico Public Education Department's website under the "Public Notices" link 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.