

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Public Hearing

The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) gives notice on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, that it will conduct a public hearing for the following proposed rulemakings on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (MDT) in Mabry Hall, located in the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Ave., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.

Amendment to 6.63.2 NMAC, Licensure for School Nurses Grades K-12

The PED will give a verbal summary statement, on record, at the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed rulemakings. Attendees who wish to provide public comments on the record will be given three minutes to make a statement concerning the proposed rulemaking. To submit written comments, please see the Public Comment section of this notice.

Explanation of Purpose of Rulemaking, Summary of Text, and Statutory Authority

6.63.2 NMAC, Licensure for School Nurses Grades K-12

Explanation: Make updates based on changes to the School Personnel Act, per House Bill 34 from the 2026 Legislative Session.

Summary: The proposed rulemaking would make technical and conforming changes to the school nurse licensure system. It would allow both level two and level three nurses to evaluate and mentor level one nurses and expand eligibility for level three licenses to nurses with three years of equivalent registered nursing experience. It also removes outdated references to the highly objective uniform statewide standard of evaluation.

Statutory Authority: Sections 9-24-8, 22-2-1, 22-2-2, 22-10A-8.2, 22-10A-10.1, 22-10A-11.11, 22-10A-17, and 22-10A-24 NMSA 1978.

No technical information served as a basis for these proposed rule changes.

Public Comment

Interested parties may provide comments at the public hearing or may submit written comments by mail or e-mail.

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Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. (MDT) on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. The PED encourages early submission of written comments.

Public Comment Period

The public comment period is from Tuesday, April 21, 2026, to Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (MDT). The PED will review all feedback received during the public comment period and issue communication regarding a final decision of the proposed rulemaking at a later date.

Copies of the proposed rule may be obtained from Denise Terrazas at (505) 470-5303 during regular business hours or may be accessed through the PED Policy and Legislative Affairs webpage titled, "Proposed Rules," at <http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/>.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact Denise Terrazas at (505) 470-5303 as soon as possible before the date set for the public hearing. The PED requires at least 10 calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.