

Proposed Rule Abstract

1. **Agency:** Public Education Department
2. **Rule Citation:** 6.65.4 NMAC, Teacher Leader Development Framework
3. **Rulemaking Action:** New Rule
4. **Register Issue and Date of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:** Volume 29, Issue 20, October 30, 2018
5. **Effective Date:** December 31, 2018
6. **Citation to Specific Legal Authority:** Subsection C of Section 22-1-1.2 and Paragraph 1 of Subsection B of Section 22-1-1.2 NMSA 1978
7. **Short Explanation of the Rule's Purpose:** To establish criteria for teacher leader development opportunities provided by the Public Education Department.
8. **Link to Full Text of the Rule:** https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/6.65.4_NMTLN-10-29-18_WEBSITE-ALD-Approval.docx
9. **How Information on the Rule Can Be Obtained:** <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/> or from the Policy Division at 505-827-6452.
10. **Comment Period and Deadlines:** October 30, 2018 to December 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Written comments may be submitted to the Policy Division, New Mexico Public Education Department, Room 101, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501, rule.feedback@state.nm.us, or by fax to (505) 827-6520.
11. **Rule Hearing:** December 7, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 300 Don Gaspar Avenue in Mabry Hall, Santa Fe, NM 87501.
12. **Link to Permanent Agency Rulemaking Record:** http://statenm.force.com/public/SSP_RuleHearingSearchPublic

Adopted Rule Update

1. **Register Issue and Date of Adopted Rule:** Volume 29, Issue 24, December 27, 2018
2. **Date Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Was Reported to the Committee:** November 16, 2018
3. **Link to Proposed Rule Report:** <https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/ALESC%20111418%20Item%2011%20A.2%20-%20PROPOSED%20RULE%20Teacher%20Leader%20Development%20Framework.pdf>
4. **Minor, Non-Substantive Changes from the Rule as Proposed:** The adopted rule gives current teachers in the teacher ambassador program and secretary's teacher advisory program the option to stay in their respective program for an additional year. The proposed rule required teachers to remain in their respective program for a minimum of two years. See **Attachment 1, 6.65.4 NMAC, Teacher Leader Development Framework.**

Summary of Proposed Rule

The October 30, 2018 issue of the *New Mexico Register* contained a proposed new rule, Part 4 of 6.65 NMAC, Teacher Leader Development Framework. The proposed new rule establishes criteria for the teacher leader development framework developed by the Public Education Department (PED) to enable communication between teacher leaders, PED policymakers, and the secretary of public education.

Analysis

The proposed new rule cites Paragraph 1 of Subsection B of Section 22-1-1.2 NMSA 1978 as its statutory authority. This paragraph describes New Mexico's need to attract and retain a diverse, high-quality teacher workforce. Additionally, the proposed new rule cites Subsection C of Section 22-1-1.2 NMSA 1978, which directs the state and school districts to find ways to mentor beginning teachers, provide interventions, improve job satisfaction, and elevate the teaching profession. See **Attachment 2, Section 22-1-1.2 NMSA 1978**. Through the proposed new rule, PED is placing in regulation the teacher leadership framework that the department implemented in January 2017, though it is unclear statute grants PED the authority to put these programs in regulations.

Major Provisions

The proposed rule establishes a school liaison program, teacher ambassador program, secretary's teacher advisory, teacher liaison program, and an annual teacher summit.

Individuals who wish to serve as a school liaison would be able to volunteer if the position was not already filled at the specific school site.

Currently, there is no rule establishing a similar stakeholder engagement process for school administrators.

Under the proposed new rule, teacher ambassadors would receive a stipend. According to the PED website, current teacher ambassadors receive \$750 annually.

School Liaison Program Pursuant to Sections 6.65.4.8 through 6.65.4.9 NMAC, PED is placing its school liaison program in rule. The regulation will require PED to make every effort to have one school liaison in every public school. To be a school liaison, an individual must be a licensed, employed school staff person; however, school administration will not be able to serve as a school liaison. The school liaison will serve as their school's representative to facilitate communication between the school and PED. The liaison will be required to disseminate information regarding key Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) policy areas; provide feedback to PED policymakers and the secretary; develop skills to support colleague's growth and development; and gain access to PED resources and tools.

Teacher Ambassador Program Pursuant to Sections 6.65.4.8 through 6.65.4.9 NMAC, PED is placing its teacher ambassador program in rule. The regulation will require PED to make every effort to begin each year with 55 teacher ambassadors. These individuals would receive a stipend and would be responsible for completing specific deliverables as designated by PED and attending quarterly in-person meetings. Teacher ambassadors will learn about key policy areas defined by ESSA, develop a statewide community of support for teachers, and create resources to equip teachers with accurate information. For a teacher to be granted a teacher ambassador role, they would be required to submit an application. Only teachers who are licensed, employed, and rated highly effective or exemplary on their NMTEACH summative evaluation will be considered, and the

finalists will be selected by PED. See **Attachment 3, New Mexico Teacher Leader Network State Ambassador.**

The proposed rule would require current teacher ambassadors to maintain their position for a minimum of two years beginning December 31, 2018. The rule attempts to obligate the next secretary of education to continue implementing this department's initiatives.

Secretary's Teacher Advisory. Pursuant to Sections 6.65.4.8 through 6.65.4.9 NMAC, PED is placing its secretary's teacher advisory program in rule. The regulation will require PED to make every effort to begin each year with a secretary's teacher advisory consisting of 50 teacher members who would be responsible for meeting with the secretary at least once per quarter; participating in monthly phone calls with the secretary and teacher liaisons; and advising the secretary on policy issues. Similar to teacher ambassador requirements, teachers who wish to take part in the secretary's teacher advisory will be able to apply if they are rated as highly effective or exemplary on their NMTEACH summative evaluation and PED will be required to select the secretary's teacher advisory. See **Attachment 4, Secretary's Teacher Advisory.**

The proposed rule would require current members of the secretary's teacher advisory to maintain their position for a minimum of two years beginning December 31, 2018. Again, the rule attempts to obligate the next secretary of education to continue implementing this department's initiatives.

Teacher Liaison Program PED is placing its teacher liaison program in rule. Pursuant to Section 6.65.4.7 NMAC, a teacher liaison will be a classroom teacher hired by PED to implement the teacher leader development framework by maintaining direct communication between PED and regionally diverse teachers, and providing the teachers with resources and a platform for communication. The teacher liaison position would hold the most responsibility of all the teacher leader positions. Pursuant to Section 6.65.4.10 NMAC, teacher liaisons would be required to coordinate the entire framework; facilitate meetings and professional development; maintain communication between all teacher leader positions and PED; and serve as a point of contact for any teacher within their assigned school district or charter school. According to the PED website, there are currently four total teacher liaisons to provide technical assistance to all school districts and charter schools in the state regarding the teacher leader development framework. LESC reached out to PED regarding the teacher liaison position job description, compensation for the position, and funding. The department did not provide the information requested.

Annual Teacher Summit. Pursuant to Subsection D of Section 6.65.4.9 NMAC, the proposed new rule would require teacher liaisons to work with PED to plan an annual teacher summit. The summit would provide training for teachers from across the state to learn about education policy and practice. According to the proposed rule, all professional development sessions offered at the summit would be led by teachers. It is unclear if only those teachers in the teacher leader development framework will offer the training or if teachers from across the country or across the state will have the opportunity to lead professional development sessions.

22-1-1.2. Legislative findings and purpose.

A. The legislature finds that no education system can be sufficient for the education of all children unless it is founded on the sound principle that every child can learn and succeed and that the system must meet the needs of all children by recognizing that student success for every child is the fundamental goal.

B. The legislature finds further that the key to student success in New Mexico is to have a multicultural education system that:

(1) attracts and retains quality and diverse teachers to teach New Mexico's multicultural student population;

(2) holds teachers, students, schools, school districts and the state accountable;

(3) integrates the cultural strengths of its diverse student population into the curriculum with high expectations for all students;

(4) recognizes that cultural diversity in the state presents special challenges for policymakers, administrators, teachers and students;

(5) provides students with a rigorous and relevant high school curriculum that prepares them to succeed in college and the workplace; and

(6) elevates the importance of public education in the state by clarifying the governance structure at different levels.

C. The legislature finds further that the teacher shortage in this country has affected the ability of New Mexico to compete for the best teachers and that, unless the state and school districts find ways to mentor beginning teachers, intervene with teachers while they still show promise, improve the job satisfaction of quality teachers and elevate the teaching profession by shifting to a professional educator licensing and salary system, public schools will be unable to recruit and retain the highest quality teachers in the teaching profession in New Mexico.

D. The legislature finds further that a well-designed, well-implemented and well-maintained assessment and accountability system is the linchpin of public school reform and must ensure that:

(1) students who do not meet or exceed expectations will be given individual attention and assistance through extended learning programs and individualized tutoring;

(2) students have accurate, useful information about their options and the adequacy of their preparation for post-secondary education, training or employment in order to set and achieve high goals;

(3) teachers who do not meet performance standards must improve their skills or they will not continue to be employed as teachers;

(4) public schools make progress toward educational excellence; and

(5) school districts and the state are prepared to actively intervene and improve failing public schools.

E. The legislature finds further that improving children's reading and writing abilities and literacy throughout their years in school must remain a priority of the state.

F. The legislature finds further that the public school governance structure needs to change to provide accountability from the bottom up instead of from the top down. Each school principal, with the help of school councils made up of parents and teachers, must be the instructional leader in the public school, motivating and holding accountable both teachers and students. Each local superintendent must function as the school district's chief executive officer and have responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the school district, including personnel and student disciplinary decisions.

G. It is the purpose of the 2003 public school reform legislation as augmented by this 2007 legislation to provide the framework to implement the legislative findings to ensure student success in New Mexico.

History: 1978 Comp., § 22-1-1.2, enacted by Laws 2003, ch. 153, § 2; 2007, ch. 307, § 1; 2007, ch. 308, § 1; 2015, ch. 58, § 1.

The 2015 amendment, effective June 19, 2015, removed references to adequate yearly progress; and in Subsection D, Paragraph (4), after "make", deleted "adequately yearly".

The 2007 amendment, added Paragraph (5) of Subsection B and Paragraph (2) of Subsection D. Laws 2007, ch. 307, § 1 enacted identical amendments to this section.



New Mexico Teacher Leader Network State Ambassador *FAQ*

What is the purpose of the New Mexico Teacher Leader Network?

The purpose of the Teacher Leader Network is to develop a set of teacher leaders who:

- can translate Public Education Department (PED) areas of focus into daily practice.
- clearly understand the link between PED areas of focus and improved student outcomes.
- gain access to PED resources and tools.
- are among the first to learn about Public Education Department (PED) areas of focus.
- are willing and able to promote PED areas of focus, resources, and tools to colleagues.

What is a Teacher Leader?

For the purposes of this network, we see a teacher leader as a teacher who both works with students and collaboratively leads colleagues to improve their practice in alignment with school, district, or state priorities. Teacher leaders can have formal or informal roles in their schools, but all teacher leaders effectively work with other teachers and administrators to advance teaching and learning.

Who should apply for the New Mexico Teacher Leader Network State Ambassadorship?

The Teacher Leader Network seeks experienced classroom teachers in all subjects and grades who hold high expectations for student achievement and have proven track records of success with students. We are looking for teachers who want to learn about state policy, want access to tools and resources to help them hone their craft even further, are continuous learners who seek out and apply feedback to improve, and who have taken or want to take on leadership roles at their school sites.

What specifically will State Ambassadors do in the New Mexico Teacher Leader Network?

Teacher leaders will come together four times throughout the year for all-day convenings, as well as, the NM Teacher Summit in the summer. The purpose of these convenings will be to collaborate with educators across the state, learn about PED areas of focus, engage in education communities, both locally and around the state, and actively use your voice to develop leadership skills through meaningful professional learning opportunities, network with each other, and develop a community of support. The convenings will be held in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, and participants' travel and lodging will be provided by PED. Districts will individually determine what type of professional leave teachers can take for participating in the Teacher Leader Network.

The first PED area of focus for the Teacher Leader Network will be NMTEACH. Teacher leaders will learn how the state's value-added model is calculated, gain clarity around attributes of specific domains, and analyze their own evaluation data to gain greater insight into their practice.

What are the benefits of participating in the New Mexico Teacher Leader Network?

Beyond the community of support, networking, and collaboration of the Network, participants will also receive a \$750 stipend. Additionally, we anticipate that many Teacher Leader Network participants will gain expertise that will allow them to take on more formal teacher leadership roles in their schools.

Participants will also have the opportunity to submit proposals to lead sessions at the New Mexico Teacher Summit held during the summer with an audience of 1,350 teachers from across the state.



WHAT IS THE SECRETARY'S TEACHER ADVISORY?

Teachers from across the state participate in quarterly meetings and monthly calls designed to:

EQUIP members with up-to-date education-related information and resources

EMPOWER members by providing opportunities to share feedback with the PED and share information with their districts

CHAMPION their profession and colleagues by developing and participating in teacher leader committees and events, including the Annual New Mexico Teacher Summit

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR NEW MEXICO'S TEACHERS

The inaugural Secretary's Teacher Advisory has made an incredible impact by setting a vision to Equip, Empower, and Champion NM teachers. The vision has been carried out by numerous accomplishments, including:

- Creating and co-hosting the Annual New Mexico Teacher Summit
- Providing guidance in launching the NM Teacher Leader Network
- Helping promote and launch the NM Literacy Dream Team
- Strengthening communication between the PED and classroom teachers
- Advocating for teacher resources regarding a variety of topics, including: NMTEACH, PARCC and the student growth model
- Increasing opportunities to communicate directly with the New Mexico Secretary of Education and other state education leaders
- Helping promote and co-host the New Mexico Rising ESSA Tour meetings



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Cohort 2 will launch during the 2017-2018 school year.**