



**Deadline to apply:** April 20, 2024  
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## 2024 LESC Paid Teacher on Special Assignment Program

The Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) examines a wide range of education issues, both fiscal and programmatic, that affect the achievement and well-being of prekindergarten, elementary, and secondary students and teachers in New Mexico. LESC is an inclusive workplace committed to providing a welcoming environment for everyone where all voices are heard and valued.

LESC is piloting its first Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) program. Current public PreK-12 teachers in New Mexico are invited to apply for this paid opportunity to work alongside education policy professionals, learn more about how the legislative process impacts our schools, and interact with elected officials.

### What will the TOSA do?

Potential project areas for our 2024 TOSA include K-12 class sizes, attendance, middle school redesign, and teacher preparation. You will be assigned a mentor policy analyst and together you will determine tasks that build on individual strengths, interests, and project needs. Tasks could include conducting background research, writing briefs, contacting school districts, or conducting quantitative or qualitative analyses. LESC recognizes the immense expertise, skill, and professionalism that teaching requires. We believe a current teacher's perspective is an important contribution to our work and we aim to provide you with insights into education policy making in our state that will support you in your role as a leader in your school and community.

### Who is eligible?

Current teachers in New Mexico K-12 public schools who are interested in how the legislative process impacts education policy are welcome to apply.

### When does the internship begin and end?

Internships will take place in-person for 6-8 weeks over school summer breaks, typically between June 1, 2024, and August 30, 2024. There is some flexibility to accommodate other obligations and time commitments you may have. If the suggested dates or length of internship are a concern, please reach out to discuss your specific situation.



**Is this a paid opportunity?**

The LESC is committed to both providing meaningful work experience and compensating TOSAs for their important contributions. Earnings will be determined based on hours worked, and finalists will receive additional information about the offered rate.

**How do I apply?**

Submit a completed application to Annie at [annie.armatage@nmlegis.gov](mailto:annie.armatage@nmlegis.gov). The application can be found on the LESC website or request a copy by emailing Annie.

**Questions or concerns?**

Contact Annie Armatage  
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