



New Mexico PTA Legislative Priorities

2015-2016

- Access to well-rounded educational opportunities for all students by increasing access to STEM education and the arts, and ensuring safe and healthy environments. We do this by:
 - Promoting arts education through the National PTA Reflections program
 - Working with new partners to provide opportunities for STEM programs and projects that free or low cost
 - Collaborating with colleagues in health services field to raise the awareness for families of the importance of healthy and safe environments for students at home and at school.

- Support quality afterschool and summer learning programs. We do this by:
 - Supporting the efforts of the New Mexico AfterSchool Alliance to secure additional funding for quality programs that provide academic benefits to students, as well as provide a safe place for students to be in the hours after the school bell rings.

- Imbed Family Engagement in state policy. We do this by:
 - Working with legislators and state organizations that work with families to create a definition for family engagement to be included in state statute.
 - Participating in numerous state and national meetings to speak on behalf of families and the importance of family voice in their child's educational opportunities.