Transitioning to NM STEM Ready! Science Standards

The NM STEM Ready! Science Standards are comprised of the Next Generation Science Standards, in their entirety, and New Mexico 6 Specific Standards.

Why New Science Standards?
New Mexico’s previous science standards were adopted in 2003 and many innovations in the field of science education have occurred since then. The new standards, which include the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), were developed based on the National Research Council’s A Framework for K–12 Science Education which incorporated the results of a large body of research on how students best learn science.

Students will experience a shift in classroom instruction towards a more collaborative learning environment doing science that is rooted in questioning and discovery. Teaching will call for more student-centered learning, enabling students to ask their own questions, develop critical thinking skills, collaborate, and communicate—all while learning scientific concepts.

Next Steps?
To learn more about the NM STEM Ready! Science Standards, please visit the following links from the Math and Science Bureau:

- Standards
- Webinars (under Professional Learning)

Did You Know? New Mexico was the 20th state to adopt the NGSS in their entirety.

Reach out to the Math and Science Bureau staff with questions or for more information.