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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Charter School Administrators and Education Preparation Providers

FROM: Secretary Designate, Dr. Karen Trujillo, and Deputy Secretary Dr. Gwen Perea Warniment

RE: NES Passing Scores

Effective immediately, the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) will begin accepting scores meeting or exceeding the National Benchmark score of 220 as a passing score for the NES teacher exams listed below. In anticipation of the upcoming school year, PED will include those students/educators who have taken the test as early as January 1, 2019, who can demonstrate having received a score of 220 or higher.

Additionally, PED's Educator Quality Division will look back at its records, and identify students/educators who have attempted the exam and met the qualifying score of 220 during that period. Such changes may increase the amount of qualified teachers meeting the national benchmark in the classrooms, and are made in accordance with the Public School Code.

If there are any additional questions regarding this change, please contact Rebecca Reyes, Director- Professional Licensure Bureau.

Field	National Benchmark	New Mexico Benchmark
Art (301)	220	220
English Language Arts (301)	220	220
Middle Grades Mathematics (203)	220	220
School Counselor (501)	220	220
Mathematics (304)	220	220

El ED Sub 1(102)	220	220
EL ED Sub 2 (103)	220	220
Special Education ((601)	220	220
Music (504)	220	220
Middle Grades General Science (204)	220	220
APK Elem (051)	220	220
Spanish (401)	220	220

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