



New Mexico Charter School



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The CSD will be issuing a Request for Applications (RfA) for the Charter Schools Program (CSP) grants in the coming weeks. Charter school leaders will be notified when the RfA is posted on the PED website. CSP subgrants are awarded competitively. Expansion grants provide funding for high quality charter schools to expand their enrollment. New school grants provide additional funding to charter schools that have been approved by a state or local authorizer. For more information, please contact the CSP Program Manager, Dr. Brigitte Russell, at Brigitte.Russell2@state.nm.us or (505) 470-1574.



COVID-19

The PED offices remain closed, but the Charter Schools Division and the rest of the PED team are still here to offer support.

Below are some useful phone numbers:

- 1-855-600-3453 all health related inquiries
- 505-827-4296 education related inquires
- 505-827-5821 licensure inquires

COVID-19 resources for schools can be found [here](#).

FAFSA

Friendly reminder to encourage students to submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Deadlines vary depending on where a student is applying. It is better to apply early regardless as some aid is on a first come, first served bases.

Students will first need to create a Federal Student Aid ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

Families and students can visit the New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation (NMEAF) website at <https://www.nmeaf.org/> to receive chat or phone help 7 days a week.

NMEAF also offers FAQs that provide help for Undocumented and DACA Students

Apply for Federal Student Aid at <https://studentaid.gov/>

2020 Census

New Mexico receives over \$7.8 billion each year through census-informed federal programs like special education, teacher training, technology, school lunch assistance, Head Start, after-school programs, and more. By completing the census and encouraging others to do the same we can help guarantee New Mexico receives the adequate amount of federal funding it needs.

To learn more please visit: <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html> or call (844) 330-2020 or (844) 468-2020 for Spanish-speakers.

Student Diabetes Management Act Update

Per NMAC 6.12.11, each governing body shall ensure a minimum of two school employees, at each school attended by a student with diabetes, receive the training outlined in this rule and be designated as diabetes care personnel. This report is intended to gather information regarding the training of diabetes care personnel in your district or charter school, as well as the total number of students with diabetes.

Please designate an individual to compile and submit this information using the [Diabetes Management Reporting Form](#) by Friday, June 5, 2020. Please submit only one report per district or charter school.

Attention all Governing Board members!

If you have not completed this year's training hours, you are running out of time! The Charter Schools Division (CSD) will be offering an evening course on May 5th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. This course will cover one hour each of Legal and Organizational, Ethics, and Open Governance.

CSD will also be providing the following Lunch and Learns:

- May 12th - Academic
- May 13th – Fiscal
- May 27th – Legal and Organizational
- May 28th – TBD

To register for any of the above trainings please email charter.schools@state.nm.us Include name, email, and school, as well as which session you would like to attend.

To help governing board members meet trainings requirements, Public Charter Schools of New Mexico is offering “on-demand” trainings. These courses include:

PED Training Course Topic/PCSNM Course/Hour(s)	PED Course #	Cost Member/Non-Member
Open Government "Pitfalls of Governance-OMA Closed Meetings" (1 Hour)	PC20O1.aV	\$25/\$50
Legal & Organizational Performance "Organizational Performance for Charter School Boards" (1 Hour)	PC20E1V	\$25/\$50
Ethics and Responsibilities "Government Conduct Act and Fiduciary Responsibilities" (1 Hour)	PC20EL2V	\$25/\$50
Academic Data "Relentless Focus on Student Achievement" (2 Hours)	PC20A2.bV	\$50/\$100
Finance "Charter School Governing Board Sound Financial Management" (2 Hours)	PC20F2V	\$50/\$100
Finance "Financial Case Studies for Governing Boards" (1 Hour)	PC20F1V	\$25/\$50

Contact Donna Vanlandingham at donna@pcsnm.org to request a registration form.



As always thank you for everything you do to support New Mexico students and families. Especially during the current health crisis.