**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**Public Hearing.** The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 27, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (MDT) in Mabry Hall, located in the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Ave., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. The location of the public hearing may be subject to change due to the concerns surrounding Coronavirus and in accordance with Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham’s Executive Order 2020-004, Declaration of a Public Health Emergency, and the March 12, 2020 Public Health Emergency Order to Limit Mass Gatherings Due to COVID-19. Continuous updates on hearing changes and Zoom information will be provided on the PED website. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed new rules 6.64.19 NMAC, Competencies for Elementary Mathematics Specialists, and 6.30.18, NMAC, Partial Credit for Adjudicated or Mobile Students. At the hearing, the PED will provide a verbal summary statement on record. Attendees who wish to provide public comment on record will be given three (3) minutes to make a statement concerning the rule changes. Written comment will also be accepted at the hearing.

**Explanation of Purpose and Summary of Text**

The purpose of the proposed new rule **6.64.19 NMAC, Competencies for Elementary Mathematics Specialists,** is to allow educators with an elementary education license to add an endorsement specializing in elementary mathematics. The competencies in the new proposed rule provide pathways for educators in school districts and charter schools who are experts in elementary mathematics content and research-based elementary pedagogy to grow and have the potential to be advocates for student learning and support colleagues and community to ensure equitable mathematics teaching and learning in the classroom, and at the school, school district, charter school, and state levels.

The purpose of the proposed new rule **6.30.18 NMAC, Partial Credit for Adjudicated or Mobile Students,** is to establish the parameters for awarding partial credits to students identified as adjudicated or mobile and who experience classroom disruption.

**Statutory Authorization(s):**

Sections 9-24-8, 22-2-1, 22-2-2, 22-10A-3, and 22-12A-14 NMSA 1978.

No technical information served as a basis for this proposed rule change.

**Public Comment.**  Interested parties may provide comment at the public hearing or may submit written comments by mail to John Sena, Policy Division, New Mexico Public Education Department, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Room 121, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, by electronic mail to rule.feedback@state.nm.us, or by fax to (505) 827-6520. All written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. (MDT) on Monday, July 27, 2020. The PED encourages the early submission of written comments. The public comment period is from June 23, 2020 to July 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (MDT).

The PED will review all feedback received during the public comment period and issue communication regarding a final decision at a later date.

Copies of the proposed rules may be accessed through the page titled, “Rule Notification,” on the PED's website at <http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/>, or may be obtained from John Sena at (505) 570-7816 during regular business hours.

Individuals with disabilities who require the above information in an alternative format or need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in the public hearing are asked to contact John Sena at (505) 570-7816 as soon as possible before the date set for the public hearing. The PED requires at least 10 calendar days advance notice to provide any special accommodations requested.