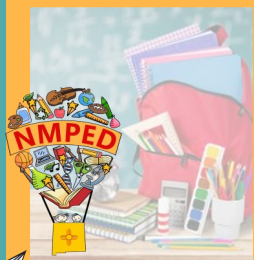


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Districts and charter schools apply to be a part of the Innovation Zone Initiative through the NM Public Education Department. Once approved, districts and charters are provided with funding and support to implement these innovative practices in their schools.

TEAM CCRB PROFILE

Breezy Gutierrez



Director—CCRB

We are proud to introduce **Breezy Gutierrez** as the new NMPED College & Career Readiness Bureau Director.

Breezy accepted the position in late May, after serving as the CCRB's Deputy Director, and then Interim Director. Previous to those two managerial positions, she served as a high performing Education Administrator/Coach for the bureau.

Breezy grew up in Anton Chico, NM, and lives in Santa Rosa with her husband, three children (26, 21, & 14), granddaughter (2), and two dogs. She has been an educator, CTSO advisor, and athletic coach in Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools for 13 years, an administrator in Roswell Independent Schools for 2 years and has been at the NMPED for over a year and a half now. Her educational experiences include a Bachelors in Biology/Chemistry/Human Performance and Sport and licensure in Secondary Teaching from New Mexico Highlands University, a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction/Secondary Education and post degree certification in Educational Leadership from Eastern New Mexico University, Associate's Degree from DACC/NMSU in Library Science, and a Fellowship with Stanford University. She is very passionate about creating and providing opportunities for all students around New Mexico and is very active in her local communities through volunteer work.

Breezy brings a servant-leader ethos to the position of Director and a respect from the team that will undoubtedly allow the CCRB to flourish in 2023 and beyond!

CTE Focus—Innovation Zones

For the school year 2023-2024, the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) has identified 47 schools that will serve as "Innovation Zones," **transforming the traditional high school education model while improving the experience and academic outcomes for local communities.** The awardees collectively will receive \$11.4 million.

This is the second year of the Innovation Zones Initiative and the project fulfills a recommendation made in February 2022 in [a report by PED and Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation](#). It applauded disparate efforts across New Mexico to

improve the high school experience and provide better college and career preparation, but it called for a comprehensive approach that can be scaled up to reach a critical mass of high schools across the state. In the year 2022-2023, ten awardees were chosen and \$4.66M was distributed among 10 LEAs.

What is the Innovation Zones Initiative?

In a nutshell, The Innovation Zones Initiative brings together cutting-edge programs and funding that have in the past, been siloed or disjointed. It supports the integration of graduate profiles, capstones, Career Technical Education (CTE), work-based learning, and personalized supports.

The Innovation Zones Initiative aims to encourage the creation and continuation of:

1. [Meaningful and relevant curriculum and instruction grounded in community](#)
2. [Graduate Profiles and Capstone Projects as foundational elements of each initiative](#)
3. [Personalized Supports and Leadership](#)
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Why now?

When students feel inspired to serve and better their communities, we create a reciprocal education system. Students are nurtured by the wisdom of their local community and aspire to become problem solvers and innovators at home.

Our youth are deeply talented and ambitious, but are underserved by an outdated, inequitable education system and New Mexico students deserve more authentic opportunities.

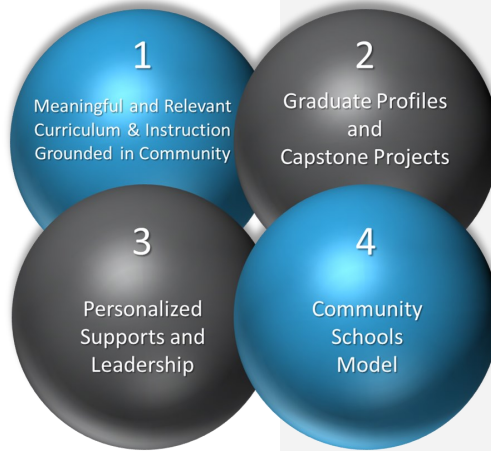
We urgently need culturally responsive, student-centered innovative ways of engaging students inside and outside the classroom, and the Innovation Zone Initiative is where that work happens.

Vision

For Innovation Zones, the vision is clear: Students will be successful because of—not in spite of—who they are and where they come from. The Innovation Zones initiative will support schools regardless of where they are in the innovation process - progressing from planning to innovating implementing is just as important as moving from implementing to innovating.



Our goal is to identify best practices that can spread across the state over time to improve graduation rates by making high school more relevant and exciting to students on the cusp of adulthood. It is exciting that the zones expand educational pathways to college and career. – NM Education Secretary Arsenio Romero



**PED: ‘Innovation Zones’
In New Mexico High Schools**

Source: Public Education Department Communications Team

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Jenelle Cummins, Director of Career and Technical Education and Community Relations for Aztec Municipal Schools, said the district was able to create positions to support college and career readiness, work-based learning and help manage grant funding with its Innovation Zone funding last school year. In addition, the district was able to update its welding shop to industry standard.

In the 2023-2024 school year, Aztec will continue paid internships, professional learning and its partnership with its Native American dorm, Kinteel, to recruit students to enroll in Aztec schools, grades 8-12. Kinteel students will have access to Aztec CTE pathways, mentorship programs, college and career readiness resources, and paid internships.

“Aztec Schools focuses on being different by design for the students’ best interest,” Cummins said. “We purchased two brand-new vehicles with Innovation Zone funding and will be providing transportation to students who need it for their internships, in order to make it an equitable opportunity. Access to quality internships should not be limited by economic status or access to transportation, so we are helping bridge that gap.”

If you would like to find out more about innovation Zones for your school or school district, please contact your [College & Career Readiness Region Coach/Education Administrator](#)





P2C PATHWAY 2 CAREERS



P2C Master Classes

NS4Ed, the Pathway2Careers content developers, have developed a series of live, virtual Master Classes for the 23-24 school year. All sessions include a 40-minute presentation, followed by 20 minutes of Q&A. Upcoming classes include:

- ◇ **August 15:** Beginning of Year Quantile Assessments
- ◇ **Sept 12:** Understanding Quantile Scores

All P2C Master Classes are offered twice (1:30 and 3:30) on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. [Click here](#) to register for the sessions of your choice.

Pathway2Careers is a free, standards aligned, HQIM resource for use by high school math and CTE teachers. Interested in learning more? Several upcoming opportunities are available. Schedule a virtual tour of the program or a “quick start” of any one of the resources.



Explore High-Value Careers

[NM Career Pathways](#) is a website that allows educators, parents and students to explore detailed information about their local school districts, labor markets and career clusters. With the use of area-specific data that highlights median wages and annual job openings, this site helps students be able to make an informed decision on a career path that best suits them.

Pathway2Careers Curriculum

Pathway2Careers (P2C) Curriculum makes math meaningful by connecting students to their interests and relevant high-value career paths.

When using the career-focused math curriculum in a blended learning model, P2C lessons supplement and complement the core curriculum. This curriculum is on the PED-approved math supplemental material list, and professional learning is readily available to offer seamless integration and implementation. To learn more, [click here](#).

Career Exploration Resources for Educators and Students

Careers2Communities (C2C) brings standards-aligned career exploration to middle schools and high schools, helping students prepare for their journeys after graduation. The grant-funded program makes high-quality resources available for free to all New Mexico students and educators, including:

- Career Exploration lesson plans aligned to standards in core content areas, including social studies, science, ELA, technology and math.
- Student or teacher guided career tools, such as three different interest matchers, labor market information, a career library and more!
- Community Voices videos introduce hundreds of New Mexicans who discuss their own career journeys.
- Online CTE pathway: learn how we are building an opportunity for students to complete a Business program of study through the New Mexico Course Consortium.
- Pathway2Careers math: career-focused, standards-aligned, online HQIM curriculum for 8th grade math, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II.
- Quantile measures identify the "math level" of students, curricula and careers. Available for Beginning, Middle and End of year, Quantiles help align appropriate resources, accelerate learning, show growth and compare the math demands of more than 400 occupations.
- Professional Learning for educators to meet your individual or school needs.
- NEW for 2023-2024:
 - * Question bank in all P2C math courses to create custom assignments and quizzes
 - * Project -based learning in Algebra 1
 - * Spanish translation of P2C platform and Algebra 1 digital math content
 - * Lesson plans for 32 Community Voices videos
 - * Return on Investment calculator in Career Tools
 - * Financial Literacy lessons, Scope and Sequence

**Pathway2Careers
Curriculum is available to
all New Mexico schools at
no cost**

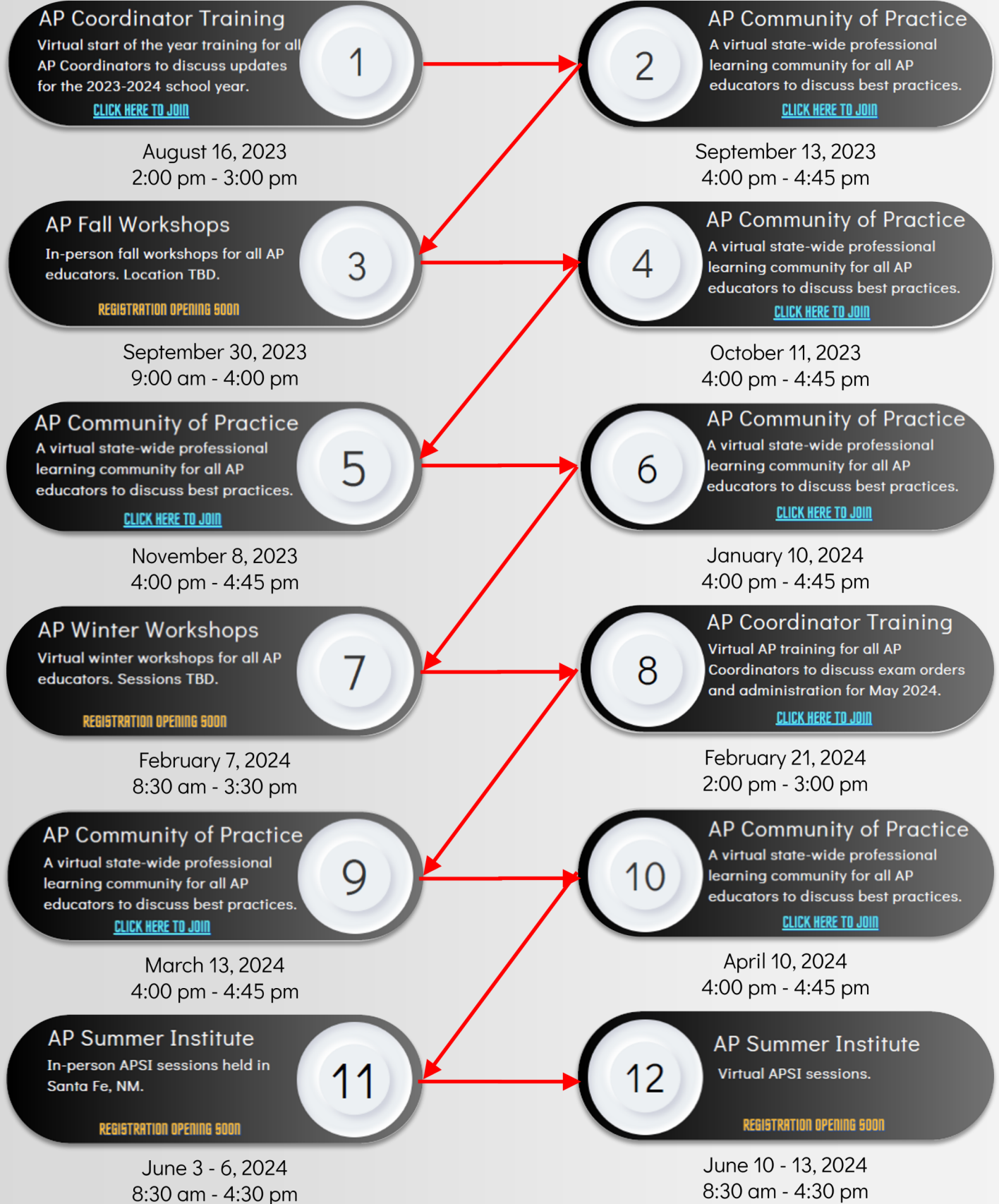
Want to learn more? Contact Tiffany.Walker@ped.nm.gov or call 505-695-8483. Ready to get started? [Click here!](#)





2023-2024

Advanced Placement Professional Learning Events





Showing up together, Starting strong

By Barbara Armijo

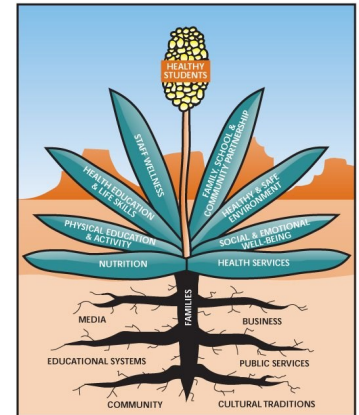
Attendance Improvement Coordinator—Safe and Healthy Schools Bureau

CTE educators know the importance of safety in their programs. And now, more than ever, it is time for all educators, administrators, staff, families and community members to show up, build support systems, and start the school year strong on behalf of every student in the state.

To start strong this school year, [The Safe and Healthy Schools Bureau at NMPED](#) team members want to elevate the positive and leave the negative in the dust. Here's what we propose:

- ◇ Find the “can-do” solutions, drop the “can’t do” narrative. The SHSB is taking up this challenge as well, and we want to be here when you need a win.
- ◇ Make your districts and schools as safe as you possibly can and release the fear-factors that penetrate students’ hearts and minds. The NMPED and SHSB will be here to support your efforts.
- ◇ Recognize your best educators, staff, students, families and community members and continue to provide support to all of those who need the help. We are here to help in both regards, so please reach out.

HEALTHIER SCHOOLS - NEW MEXICO
A Model of Coordinated School Health



To view the SHSB page on the NMPED website visit: [Safe & Healthy Schools – New Mexico Public Education Department \(state.nm.us\)](#).

Here are some of the SHSB programs and initiatives and contact information:

- ◇ **Attendance Improvement:** Ensures adherence to the Attendance for Success Act (AfSA), attendance improvement plans, “Showing Up Together: Attendance Matters” media campaign, and resources to support tiered interventions to reduce chronic absentee rates and improve attendance statewide. Barbara.armijo@ped.nm.gov.
- ◇ **Project AWARE:** Provides training for school personnel and other adults who interact with school-aged youth to detect and respond to mental health challenges, and connects school-aged youth, who may present with behavioral health challenges and their families to needed services. Allen.thomas@ped.nm.gov.
- ◇ **Behavioral Health and Bullying Prevention:** Supports social and emotional learning strategies, suicide prevention, and bullying prevention in schools, postvention supports for safe schools, and serves as the liaison between agency and School-Based Health Centers, increasing access to behavioral health services for students. Magdalena.Saiz@ped.nm.gov.
- ◇ **Expanding Opportunities Project:** Oversees the EOP to increase the number and quality of school-based mental health providers in high-need schools. By partnering with local education agencies (LEAs), universities, Native American communities, and other state agencies, EOP hopes to increase the number of SBMH providers and access to care for school-aged youth in identified communities. Deborah.Chavez@ped.nm.gov.
- ◇ **Expecting and Parenting Youth:** Oversees the NM GRADS program to remove barriers to education for pregnant and parenting youth, and to assist them in becoming successful students and parents. GRADS facilitates graduation and the pursuit of higher education, employment assistance, case management, teaches parenting skills, fosters leadership and self-sufficiency. Emily.Sisk-Layman@ped.nm.gov.
- ◇ **Health Education:** Oversees K-12 Health Education Standards and curriculum. Health Education provides young people with the knowledge and skills they need to become successful learners and healthy and productive adults. Health education is a fundamental part of an overall school health program. Sharona.Secatero2@ped.nm.gov.
- ◇ **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL):** Systematically implementing SEL in districts and schools promotes self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, responsible decision making and relationship skills for all students, staff, family and community. Research has shown a decrease in conduct issues, improved attitudes toward school, better attendance and graduation rates and well and improved staff retention in districts where comprehensive SEL is implemented. Magdalena.Saiz@ped.nm.gov.
- ◇ **Title IV-Part A:** Oversees the federal Title IV Part A grant for districts to support students and schools in three domains (well-rounded education, safe and healthy students and effective use of technology). Anne.MarlowGeter@ped.nm.gov.

Other Supports and Programs include:

Safe Schools Plans and Implementation, Kathryn.Bolkovac@ped.nm.gov
 Medicaid/Health Services Coordinator, Ashley.Garcia@ped.nm.gov
 School Health Manager, Leslie.kelly@ped.nm.gov
 Section 504 Resources, [Section 504 Resources and Documents](#)





MAKING AN IMPACT

With more than 2 million student members combined, these 11 organizations have a definite impact on student's overall college and career readiness.



Students who participate in CTSOs demonstrate higher levels of academic engagement and motivation, civic engagement, career self-efficacy and employability skills than other students.



According to the National Research Center for Career and Technical Education, participating in leadership and professional development activities in a CTSO raises students' educational aspirations.



Students who participate in school organizations in 10th grade have higher grade point averages and are more likely to be enrolled in college at 21 than other students.

DID YOU KNOW?

CTE programs are supported at the federal level by the **Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act**, which provides approximately \$1.1 billion in state grants annually to serve more than 14 million students nationwide.

Career and Technical Student Organizations are comprised of 11 not-for-profit organizations, specifically authorized by the **U.S. Congress** in the Perkins Act.

CTSOs align with the 16 Career Clusters® and 79 Career Pathways recognized by CTE.

TEACH CTSO-This is your one-stop shop for all things needed to integrate CTSOs into your classroom, collaborate with other CTSO Teachers, and develop professionally. Contact christine.phipps@enmu.edu for more information.

Check you your CTSO's Award Opportunities page for more information:
[BPA](#), [DECA](#), [FCCLA](#), [HOSA](#)

Here are some more resources for your chapter:

- [Get to Know Life Smarts](#)
- [How to Life Smarts](#)
- [Life Smarts Fact Sheet](#)



EVENT CALENDARS

- * [New Mexico BPA Calendar](#)
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- * [New Mexico FCCLA Calendar](#)
- * [New Mexico FFA Calendar](#)
- * [New Mexico HOSA Calendar](#)
- * [New Mexico SkillsUSA Calendar](#)
- * [New Mexico TSA Calendar](#)
- * [New Mexico Ed Rising Calendar](#)

SkillsUSA NM Announces a New State Director

Please welcome **Janel Sanchez** as the SkillsUSA NM State Director! Janel is a native New Mexican, born and raised in Albuquerque, and has a passion for seeing and helping students in New Mexico thrive. Her previous positions include key roles in event planning and management, communications, and outreach. She has worked with non-profit organizations for over 10 years. Her work experience ranges from hospitality and customer service to community outreach and project management.

Please feel free to connect with Janel Sanchez, info@skillsusanm.org.



2023 SkillsUSA NLSC Recap

At the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, New Mexico was represented by incredible contestants, advisors, state officers, and Courtesy Corps. Over 16,000 SkillsUSA members from across the country gathered to compete in 110 different competitions, participate in professional development, and celebrate their accomplishments over the last year.

SkillsUSA NM was represented by:

- 200 total delegation participation
- 106 student competitors in 48 different competitions
- 61 advisors, including professional chaperones and family
- 31 participants, including students, delegates, state officers, and models of excellence
- 4 voting delegates and 2 alternate delegates
- 6 Courtesy Corps members

The delegation returned home with:

- 4 medals, including 1 gold and 3 silver
- 12 contestants finishing in the top 15%
- 23 Skill Point Certificates, indicating proficiency in the competition area
- And a lifetime of memories and connections to help jumpstart our students' careers!



[Heinrich introduces federal apprenticeship legislation, amid broader push for career technical education](#) (Santa Fe New Mexican)

In a statement announcing the Apprentice Pathways Act, Heinrich, D-New Mexico, said, "Education shouldn't be one-size-fits-all, and you shouldn't need a college degree to earn a good living."...

[Career, technology education keeps students engaged](#) (The OKC Journal Record)

Career and technology education shouldn't be an afterthought. It should be an integral and critical piece of a K-12 education ...

[Touting career, technical education](#) (Yahoo News)

When it comes to prepping students for their futures, few programs dedicate themselves as much to that particular practice as CTE ...

[Learning a trade: Career technical courses benefit students headed to college or workforce](#)

The days of thinking career technical education courses are only suited for students uninterested in attending college are ...

(Enterprise Journal)

[Norris School District \(CA\) expands career technical education](#) (Bakersfield.com)

The Norris School District started with a farmer, Robert Norris, who donated one acre of his land to be used as a school site ...

[Gilbane \(CT\) breaks ground on \\$200M vocational high school](#) (Construction Dive)

The new 215,000-square-foot school will offer construction trades such as plumbing, architecture and masonry as part of its curriculum. ...

[A trade school can be a better fit than college and a more lucrative career for some students](#)

While some view college as the best route to financial stability, studies show career and technical degrees cost less and can ...

(Chicago Sun Times)

[Touting career, technical education](#) (AOL.)

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[Newark \(NJ\) Youth Build Construction Careers Through Summer Job Program](#) (Patch)

Skilled trades like carpentry and plumbing aren't "Alternative Ed" – they're first-rate career pathways...

[Ohio schools partner with Intel on career pathways](#) (Ohio Capital Journal (Columbus))

Ohio's community colleges, technical centers, local career centers and school districts will offer new programs and career pathways for students who want to work at Intel...

[Manufacturing job openings surge](#) (Fox Business)

The National Association of Manufacturers reports a rising demand for workers with specialized skills, posing a challenge for employers ...





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Federal Student Aid: Better FAFSA

Federal Student Aid (FSA) has released a roadmap for the Better FAFSA, authorized by the [FAFSA Simplification Act](#) - a top NCAN policy priority for close to a decade.

This [roadmap](#) describes the timeline for publishing key information about the new FAFSA form, process, and supplemental materials.

FAFSA® 101: 5 Tips for Applying

These tips can help students make filling out and submitting the FAFSA® easier and faster. Learn what you need to have ready, the best place to file the FAFSA®, and when you should submit it. www.salliemae.com



Resource for Jobs & Career Education:

New Mexicans now have a new tool at their fingertips to connect to jobs and career education with Ready.NM.gov!

The Department of Workforce Solutions, New Mexico Workforce Connection, and

Higher Education Department developed a comprehensive website and helpline to increase access to gainful employment opportunities in the state. It allows New Mexicans to explore current job openings, learn about high-demand career fields, find career training and educational programs near them, and access information about other resources [HERE](#)



Claim Your Piece of
\$27.3 Million
Unclaimed Federal Financial Aid in NM

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New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation (NMEAF)

Provider of New Mexico Student Loans. NMEAF has been helping students and families for more than 35 years. There are a variety of avenues to research when determining the best way to pay for college. Most students and families use several different sources to finance higher education, such as student loans.



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Career Cluster Guidebooks

The **New Mexico Career Clusters Guidebook** is a valuable resource to help guide students as they make important life and career decisions. The guide is designed to be a tool for planning and preparing students for a career. This comprehensive guidebook provides a structure for selecting careers. It links what they know about themselves with information about occupations and typical training requirements.

Order your **FREE Spanish hard copies** here. Access English & Spanish **PDF downloads** here.

Career Clusters Guide - 16 Career Clusters, Career Pathways & Tools to help students discover where their interests and career clusters intersect. Whether you are a student or a career counselor, this guide can **help with career planning and preparing for the jobs of today and tomorrow.**

Having information about career options and the education needed to prepare for those careers is an important first step to becoming job ready. Use this guide to explore what jobs match your interests through the **career interest profiler**, learn about **in-demand careers in our state**, and find opportunities to **try out a career through work-based learning**. Questions? Kevin O'Shea at 505-629-7705 or





Junior Achievement helps prepare today's students for a bright future



Schools and Parents

Junior Achievement provides activities, guides, thought leadership and lots of additional resources to support learning.

SCHOOLS AND PARENTS, BEGIN HERE

Please join us to provide your important feedback!

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS) is hosting four two-hour **virtual forums for the public to gain feedback on how the state can better support people who live in New Mexico in their pursuit of meaningful education, training, and employment opportunities.**



Your feedback will inform the development of New Mexico's 2024-2028 State Plan for workforce development. We thank you in advance for your participation!

Please see the [linked PDF](#) for the dates, times, and registration links for the sessions. The content and discussion will be the same for each session, so you just need to join one session. You can join for some or all of the session depending on your availability.



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Location

Careers are available in hotels, restaurants, museums, attractions, and other tourism-related businesses in Las Cruces and Taos.

Are you 16-24 years old and looking for summer plans? Why not check out a career within hospitality where you will receive training, earn wages, and get your foot in the door to a growing industry!



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Explore Early College High Schools
View schools formally designated as Early College High Schools by NMPEd.



Design Principles of Early College High Schools
Explore the core student-focused design principles of ECHS.



Research on Early College High Schools
Research articles on the Early College High School Model.



Toolkit and Rubric
Review information pertaining to early college high schools from a national and state perspective.



New Mexico Career Pathways Resources
Regional labor market information for school districts.

ECHS-NM Resource Site

PED CCRB Site

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For more information contact the New Mexico Workforce Connection

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MATRICULATE
WHAT IS MATRICULATE?

[Video Link](#)

Matriculate is a FREE virtual college advising program that connects high-achieving low-income students with a near-peer college mentor who works one-on-one with students throughout the college and financial aid processes.

Our mentors — called Advising Fellows — are trained college students who will help you with all of your stops on the road map to college.

Join our mailing list below, and get early access to our Class of 2024 application!

JOIN THE COMMUNITY





Superintendents, Charter School Directors and Tribal Education Leaders:

Advanced Placement Exam Fee Waivers

For the May 2024 Advanced Placement exams, PED will continue to offer exam fee waivers for economically disadvantaged students. Review the [AP Exam Fee Waiver Memo](#) for additional details. Questions? [Melissa.DeLaurentis](#)

PSAT/NMSQT for 10th Grade Students

Participation in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test can support student college and career readiness. PED will continue to pay for all New Mexico public school 10th-grade students taking the **October** administration of the PSAT/NMSQT. The [PSAT/NMSQT Memo](#) provides additional guidance for test orders. Questions? [Melissa.DeLaurentis](#)

International Baccalaureate Exam Fee Waivers

PED is excited to announce exam fee waivers for economically disadvantaged students participating in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, refer to the [IB Exam Fee Waiver Memo](#) or contact [Melissa.DeLaurentis](#).

You can find more updates here: [LEAs Updates & Deadlines](#)

Previous LEA Updates and Deadlines

July 13, 2023 [LEAs Updates & Deadlines](#)

July 6, 2023 [LEAs Updates & Deadlines](#)

DATES & DEADLINES

Aug. 3: Curriculum and Instruction [webinar session](#)

Aug. 4: Black Education Act [School Support Series](#) webinar #1

Aug. 4: Math and Science Bureau [professional learning series](#) application deadline

Aug. 7-10: STARS/Nova [conference](#)

Aug. 11: Black Education Act [School Support Series](#) webinar #2

Aug. 11: Deadline to submit to PED if your homeless liaison has changed: [Click here](#)

Aug. 17: Curriculum and Instruction [webinar session](#)

Aug. 18: Black Education Act [School Support Series](#) webinar #3

Aug. 22: [Clean School Bus Grants](#) applications due via [Grants.gov](#)

Aug. 25: SEL [Mini Grant](#) and [Wellness Room](#) applications due

Aug. 25: Black Education Act [School Support Series](#) webinar #4

Aug. 31: Student Athletic Equity Act (SAEA) [data report](#) due

Sept. 1: MLSS Self-Assessment [deadline](#)

Sept. 9: Hispanic Outreach for Leadership and Awareness Committee's annual Youth Art Contest deadline to [submit artwork](#)

Oct. 13: Green Ribbon School [applications](#) due

Also, check out:

The [Public Education Calendar](#)

Weekly Storytime. [Subscribe here.](#)

New Staff & Position Changes



Ben Lukoski

School Counselor Liaison/Ed Administrator

Ben comes to the CCRB after ten years as a high school counselor. He spent the last six years at Cleveland High School in Rio Rancho with stints at Bernalillo, Cloudcroft, and Alamogordo public schools before that. Ben got his start in education while serving in AmeriCorps as a City Year corps member where he worked at Berendo Middle School in South Los Angeles as a mentor, tutor, and after-school program manager. Ben earned his master's degree in counseling from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles where he also worked as an academic coach and tutor for scholarship athletes in the Student-Athlete Academic Services department. Ben grew up in Ripon Wisconsin and currently lives in Placitas.



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Greg was a classroom teacher for 14 years, teaching social studies in Egypt, Hong Kong, and in a charter school in New Mexico. He has also served as a Dean of Students in an elementary school and as an Assistant Principal in a comprehensive high school. In 2020-2021, Greg was selected as a United States School Ambassador Fellow and his capstone project initiated a two-day leadership summit for leaders of community schools. When not working, Greg loves hiking with his two huskies, running, biking, and rock climbing. He is also an active volunteer with a variety of organizations in Albuquerque.



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Kevin started with the CCRB as Communications Coordinator after a long and varied career in the San Francisco Bay Area. Kevin began his career as a sheet metal fabricator and eventually grew into the role of consumer electronics and consumer-packaged goods marketing researcher and consultant. Career nomadic and curious by nature, Kevin served as the last official corporate officer for the iconic Esprit Clothing brand in San Francisco while at the same time providing retail and marketing consulting services for such stalwart brands as Apple Inc. NIKE, HP, Nintendo, Columbia Sportswear, The North Face, Coca-Cola, and more. Kevin lives in Santa Fe with his wife and two dogs.



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