



New Mexico School Boards Association

POLICY SERVICES ALERT

To: All Superintendents and Board Members

Date: April 18, 2018

Policy Services is currently reviewing recent revisions by the Public Education Department (PED) of New Mexico Administrative Code 6.41.4 (Standard for Providing Transportation for Eligible Students) adopted and effective 03/27/2018. At this time, it is anticipated that policies and procedures subordinate to code EE will be involved. The changes by PED expanded 6.41.4 to 25 pages single spaced. It is Policy Services observation that they have expanded their regulatory reach to require a transportation supervisor and a policy on Do Not Resuscitate among thirteen (13) newly required policies cited in the document.

In addition, the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) has sent out a change to eligibility requirements that will require a policy change in Policy JJJ Extra Curricular Activity Eligibility.

New rule 6.65.3 NMAC, Educator Preparation Program Accountability, has been scheduled by PED for hearing about May 1, 2018 and rule 6.19.9 NMAC, Early Literacy Remediation, Interventions, and Parental Engagement is scheduled for May 17, 2018. Given the amount of regulatory activity of PED and the tendency to expand into areas that have traditionally been locally controlled by the Board and Superintendent, Policy Services recommends a careful look at these new regulations and encourages school district efforts to limit these tendencies by PED to expand requirements without providing resources to meet the needs.

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