

National Model Adopted by the Public Education Department

The New Mexico Public Education Department joined the National Network of Partnership Schools, which offers specific, research-based approaches that show schools and parents how to create partnerships and work together to increase student academic achievement and improve behavior.

Many of the resources developed by the PED were built upon the six types of parent involvement identified by Joyce L. Epstein, Ph.D., of the Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships at Johns Hopkins University. The standards should be used in conjunction with New Mexico Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Performance Standards to support children's learning and success.

The National Network of Partnership Schools offers guidelines, resources, and a team approach that can be used by elementary, middle, and high schools to increase involvement that leads to student learning and achievement. The network guides district leaders to help their schools develop goal-oriented programs that will help to meet NCLB requirements for parent involvement. The National Network of Partnership Schools assists the Public Education Department with developing policies and programs that support districts and schools in strengthening their partnership programs.

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New Mexico Family/Parent Involvement Advisory Council

Formed as an advisory council to the NMPED, the New Mexico Family/Parent Involvement Advisory Council meets to discuss and act on issues of concern in the area of family and parent involvement. In addition, the Council makes recommendations on state policy and future directions for families, schools, and communities in New Mexico. By forming the Advisory Council, membership groups can forge powerful collaborations and better align their efforts on behalf of kids throughout New Mexico. The goal of the Advisory Council is to increase partnerships among all stakeholders and to advocate for increased family involvement in New Mexico.

For more information on this initiative and available resources, please contact the Family/Parent Involvement Program Coordinator Alicia Benavidez, or visit the PED website:

<http://www.ped.state.nm.us/Parents/index.html>

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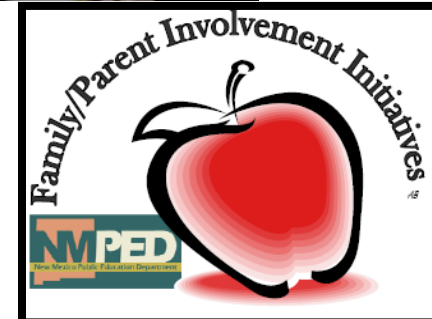
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New Mexico Family/Parent Involvement



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"Parents and guardians are our children's most vital teachers"

-Secretary Veronica C. García

New Mexico Education Secretary Dr. Veronica C. García and the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED), have initiated an extensive Parent Involvement program. This comprehensive approach involves the development of parent, school, and community resources, training for districts, and a media campaign to emphasize the importance of parents in education.

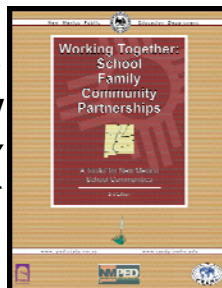


Parent involvement isn't just about volunteering," said Secretary García. "It starts at home."

- Prioritize school
- Make time for homework before TV
- Check homework
- Help pack backpacks
- Talk about school
- Encourage kids to do their best
- Remember everyday counts at school

Working Together: School, Family and Community Partnerships

- Bilingual Toolkit



Secretary of Education Dr. Veronica C. García Honored

Secretary of Education Dr. Veronica C. García was recently honored by the Family/Parent Involvement Advisory Council for her continued vision and support of family, school, and community partnerships. In February of 2009, families from around the state celebrated Parental Involvement Day at the Capitol Rotunda.



Xxxx, Dr. Veronica C. García, and Larry Fuller in the Round House Rotunda

What is the Family/Parent Involvement Initiative?

The initiative provides a statewide coordinated effort to educate parents and school personnel on the importance of effective school/parent partnerships in New Mexico. This is accomplished in a variety of ways, including direct training opportunities, media campaigns, production of training materials, and statewide partnerships between NMPED and parent interest groups.

**Home and School:
A Partnership**
Bilingual DVD



Family/Parent Involvement Goals

This initiative will:

- Provide educators and education partners with information, resources, and strategies to strengthen parent and community involvement
- Build the capacity of educators and parent/community leaders in developing effective school, family, and community partnerships
- Provide coordination, technical assistance, and support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student achievement and school performance.

**For more information on Resources for
Family/Parent Involvement**

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***New Mexico's Guiding Principles on
Family & Parent Involvement***

***Visit the Public Education Department's
Website and click on the AtoZ link in
the upper right hand corner, then on***

***"P" for [Parent, Family & Community
Resources](#) or type***

***[http://www.ped.state.nm.us/Parents/
index.html](http://www.ped.state.nm.us/Parents/index.html) into your web browser***

***Is Your Child Coming to
School Ready to Learn? –
Booklet Available in Spanish
and English***

