

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Public Education Department (“Department”) hereby gives notice that the written comment period for the proposed repeal and replace of 6.32.2 NMAC, Guidelines for Implementing Bilingual Multicultural Education Programs is reopened. The public comment period will be open from September 1, 2017 to December 5, 2017 at 5 p.m. (MDT).

Rule Change Information. The purpose of the rule change proposed on March 28, 2017 is to realign the evaluation and renewal sections of the 6.32.2 NMAC, Guidelines for Implementing Bilingual Multicultural Education Programs to be consistent with the 2004 Bilingual Multicultural Education Act (22-23-1 NSMA) and regulatory goals (6.32.2 NMAC), and include program accountability for academic and language proficiency in English and a second language for all students, not just English Learners. In addition, the proposed rule change aims to further clarify the program approval requirements and align the program element of instruction with the local implementation. The proposed changes would take effect beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

The statutory authorizations include the following:
Sections 22-2-1, 22-23-1 through 22-23-6, NMSA 1978

Public Comment. Interested individuals may submit written comments to Jamie Gonzales, Policy Division, via email at rule.feedback@state.nm.us; fax (505) 827-6681; or directed to Jamie Gonzales, Policy Division, Jerry Apodaca Public Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501-2786.

Tribal Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement. The Department will announce details pertaining to tribal consultation and stakeholder engagement.

Proposed Rule. Copies of the proposed rule may be accessed on the Department’s website (<http://ped.state.nm.us/>) under the *Public Notices* link, or obtained from Jamie Gonzales (505) 827-7889.

Individuals with disabilities who require this information in an alternative are asked to contact Jamie Gonzales at (505) 827-7889 as soon as possible.