

New Mexico Office of Special Education

Vision

Every person in New Mexico, regardless of their abilities, is valued, respected, and provided with resources and opportunities to succeed through cradle, career, and life.

Mission

We achieve this vision through unwavering compassion, collaboration, and innovation by supporting school districts, charter schools, educators, families, and communities in fostering a supportive learning experience for all to thrive, learn, and achieve their full potential.

Goals



Maintain a diverse, inclusive, and highly skilled workforce: Diversity is a strength. Every individual brings talents to the table and contributes to a strong workforce of teachers, educational assistants, and other school-based staff.



Ensure student-centered options in every community: Students and their families have access to the resources needed to support their children with their individualized education program.



Ensure standards-based teaching materials and transition support through profiles, pathways, and teaching: Clear criteria are used to review and approve standards-based teaching materials for students with disabilities based on their individual profiles.



Ensure access to strong educational building blocks: Equity in education is reached by addressing systemic barriers that limit the academic, social, and emotional growth of students with disabilities, and empowering their families.



Enhance and optimize system capacity for students with disabilities: Inclusive infrastructure, comprehensive and intentional support systems and resources, effective data collection processes and data use to drive change and improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

Priorities

Culturally Responsive Education

Create inclusive and supportive schools that value and respect all students, including those with disabilities, understanding that the school impacts social, emotional, and academic well-being.

Professional Development

Support growth and learning for teachers to address the needs of students with disabilities.

Data-Driven Goals for Equitable Opportunities

Use data for supports focused on continuous improvement and to inform decision-making at every level of the education system.

Profiles, Pathways, and Teaching

Provide access to high-quality teaching that meets the diverse needs, interests, and goals of every student with a disability.



New Mexico Office of Special Education



Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham is committed to elevating special education. The newly developed Office of Special Education (OSE) will engage all state agencies that serve children and youth with disabilities and will collaborate with leaders from school districts, public charter schools, state-supported schools, classroom teachers, and special education directors, to meet the requirements and intent of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004.

For more information, please visit our website by scanning here:

