Here's What NMPED Wants You To Know:

All individuals in elementary schools regardless of vaccination status are required to wear a mask while:

- in a school building
- on school transportation
- or at an indoor school-sponsored event

Secondary school students, staff, and volunteers who are fully vaccinated and provide documentation of full vaccination are not required to wear masks.

Secondary school students, staff, and volunteers who are unvaccinated (and those who do not provide documentation of full vaccination) are required to wear a mask while:

- in a school building
- on school transportation
- or at an indoor school-sponsored event

Masks are not required outdoors.
Legacy of Standardization: Curriculum and Testing

As a middle school history, civics, geography, and service-learning teacher for 25 years, I taught prior to and during the peak of the standardization era launched by the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). As such, I witnessed first-hand the transformation and domination of student assessments on teaching, standardized curriculum, and learning. I also witnessed this as a parent to 4 children that moved through the changes the “accountability” movement had forced onto educators and students alike.

Let's Work Together to Strengthen Your Professional Interests

Whether you are an early educator or have some years under your belt, learning never stops. As part of the largest professional association in the country, with over three million members, NEA invests in programs and creates valuable space to support you in advancing your profession. Take a minute and fill in a short survey about your interest and enter a drawing for $100! Simply text the word Connect to 48744 to access the survey and enter to win.
Member Summer Resources

NEA is proud and excited to partner with Public Broadcasting’s WETA-TV to provide a host of Summer Resources, including:

- Reading Intervention Guides
- Resources for Educating ELL Students
- Reading 101

More Opportunities

Four Steps to Start Your School Year Right

From preparing healthy lunches and snacks to developing great lesson plans, getting back to school takes a lot of coordination. You can set the tone for your home and school life by checking important action items off your list, instilling some healthful habits and setting smart boundaries. This valuable information from NEA Member Benefits includes advice around the following:

- Gather ideas to try out in your classroom or for online learning
- Stock up on supplies—for yourself, your family, and your classroom
- Focus on your own well-being
- Set-and-forget your finances now

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Finding The Lost Students of the Pandemic

NEA provides an insightful view of an important topic that many in education are talking about. Where are our students? As the impact from the pandemic adversely affected classrooms across the country, many students simply disappeared. Now the work is on to recapture those that have been lost.

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You Are Important to NEA-NM, Your Students, and Yourself!

Self-care is essential to being able to fulfill our duties concerning our students. You MUST take care of yourself. If your stress level is high, please consider calling one of these numbers to talk to someone. A warmline has trained people who listen to you when you aren't in crisis....but just need someone to speak with.

New Mexico Crisis Line
Let's Build Our Union

Do you recall your first days as an employee at your school? Did you have someone to welcome you and show you the ‘ropes’? As New Employee Orientations take place across the state, we invite members to reach out and help welcome new hires. Engage them and invite them to join their local affiliate and help build your union. Having a strong union and a voice at the table is important, particularly during these unsettled times. As part of the largest union in the country, there are a host of resources and benefits to help early educators succeed. Joining has never been easier, they can simply visit nea-nm.org and click on the runner that reads JOIN NOW. If they join before Sept. 15th, and meet the qualifying criteria, they will also receive a $50/$25 Rebate!

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