



## School Board Mandatory Training Requirements

*Effective July 1, 2024*

### New Mexico State Statute 22-5-13

- A. Requires NMPED to develop a mandatory training course for local school board members that explains department rules, policies and procedures, statutory powers and duties of local school boards, legal concepts pertaining to public schools, finance and budget and other matters deemed relevant by the department. The department shall notify local school board members of the dates of the training course, the last of which shall not be later than three months after a local school board election.
  
- B. All school board members in the first year of their term are required to complete at least two hours in each of the following subtopics:
  - (1) Laws and department policies and procedures affecting local school boards or public schools, including ethics and personnel;
  - (2) Public school finance, budgeting, and fiduciary responsibilities of local school boards;
  - (3) Legal concepts pertaining to local school boards and school districts, including the Open Meetings Act and the Inspection of Public Records Act;
  - (4) Effective governance practices and effective methods of supporting and supervising the local superintendent; and
  - (5) Student achievement and student support services.
  
- C. All school board members who complete their first year of service are required to complete a minimum of five hours of annual training in the following subtopics:
  - (1) Laws and department policies and procedures affecting local school boards or public schools, including ethics and school personnel;
  - (2) Public school finance, budgeting and fiduciary responsibilities of local school boards and performance-based budgeting;
  - (3) A local school board's role in evaluating and improving student academic achievement and using data to set individual school goals for student academic achievement in each of the school district's public schools;
  - (4) A local school board's role in providing a safe learning environment conducive to improving student outcomes;
  - (5) Legal concepts pertaining to local school boards and school districts, including the Open Meetings Act and the Inspection of Public Records Act;
  - (6) Effective governance practices and effective methods of supporting the superintendent.
  - (7) Other matters deemed relevant by the department.

### New Mexico State Statute 22-2F-3.(9)

Requires NMPED to establish a school dashboard; to provide school and student information to school stakeholders and policymakers in a transparent manner, including the number of hours of training attended by each school's local school board members and whether each member met statutory training requirements.