



Secretary's Teacher Advisory *FAQ*

What is the purpose of the Secretary's Teacher Advisory (STA)?

The purpose of the STA is to bring together teachers from across the state to participate in quarterly, in-person meetings and monthly calls designed to:

EQUIP members with up-to-date education-related information and resources

EMPOWER members by providing opportunities to share feedback with the Public Education Department and share information with their schools and districts

CHAMPION their profession and colleagues by developing and participating in teacher leader committees and events, including the Annual New Mexico Teacher Summit

What is a teacher leader?

For the purposes of this advisory, we see a teacher leader as a teacher who both works with students and collaboratively leads colleagues to improve their practice. Teacher leaders can have formal or informal roles in their schools, but all teacher leaders effectively work with other teachers and administrators to advance teaching and learning.

Who should apply for the STA?

The STA seeks classroom teachers in all subjects and grades. We are looking for teachers who have an interest in learning about state policy, want access to tools and resources to help them hone their craft, are continuous learners who seek out and apply feedback to improve, and who have taken or want to take on leadership roles at their school sites and/or districts while remaining in the classroom.

What specifically will advisory member do as a part of the Secretary's Teacher Advisory (STA)?

The STA will come together four times throughout the year for all-day convenings, as well as, the NM Teacher Summit in the summer. The purpose of these convenings will be to collaborate with educators across the state, learn about PED areas of focus, build instructional content and leadership skills through meaningful professional learning opportunities, network with each other, and develop a community of support. The convenings will be held in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, and participants' travel and lodging will be provided by PED. Additionally the PED will work to schedule these meetings on non-school days so that our teachers can be where they are most needed, in their classrooms.

What are the benefits of participating in the Secretary's Teacher Advisory?

Beyond the community of support, networking, and collaboration of the STA, participants will also have direct access to key staff from the PED, including the Secretary of Education. Additionally, we anticipate that many STA members will gain expertise that will allow them to take on more formal teacher leadership roles in their schools.

Participants will also have the opportunity to submit proposals to lead sessions at the New Mexico Teacher Summit held during the summer with an audience of over 1,000 teachers from across the state.