



2021 Annual Conference

December 1st and 2nd

We welcome you to join our 2021 Annual Conference. This year's conference will be a hybrid affair, and open to all members of the charter school community: school leaders, staff, charter supporters included. The hybrid conference will include two in-person events: a school visit on the morning of December 1st and a reception that same evening.

The theme for this year's conference is Equity, as it is at the forefront of charter school work and a primary driver in New Mexico education policy. Equity will be the focus of our keynote speaker, school site visit, and breakout sessions. We're hopeful that those sessions will provide discussions that provoke critical thought and resources to serve all of New Mexico's students. When we lift every student up toward success by meeting their individual needs, our students have bright futures.

Cost is \$150 per person for members and \$250 for non-members.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/HBDTYX4ydb8QesW88>.

Schedule of Events

December 1st

8:00 am -10:00 am – In-Person School Site Visits

Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque

- **Albuquerque** - Tierra Adentro: The New Mexico School of Academics, Art, and Artesania
1781 Bellamah Ave, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104
- **Santa Fe** - New Mexico School for the Arts
500 Montezuma Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501
- **Taos** - Anansi Charter School
57 NM-230 El Prado, NM 87529
- **Las Cruces** - The New America School Las Cruces
207 S. Main Las Cruces, NM 88001

10:45 am - 11:00 am – VIRTUAL Welcome from Matt Pahl, Executive Director of Public Charter Schools of New Mexico

11:30 am - 12:00 pm – VIRTUAL Keynote Speaker, Dr. Kurt Steinhaus, Secretary-Designate of the Public Education Department



1:00 pm - 2:15 pm – VIRTUAL Equity Breakout Sessions*.

These three breakout sessions will focus school-based strategies that can be used to meet students' needs and create opportunity for all students. Participants will be exposed to curriculum, new perspectives in providing social emotional supports, and more.

****This session counts toward 1 hour of governing council training credit for Equity and Culturally Responsive Practices***

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Virtual ACES Annual Membership Meeting

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm – In-Person Reception in Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque.

Join your fellow charter community members for fellowship and good times. We will raffle off prizes and serve food and drinks.

- **Albuquerque** - Tomasita's
4949 Pan American Fwy NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109
- **Santa Fe** - Tomasita's
500 S Guadalupe St, Santa Fe, NM 87501
- **Taos** - Taos Country Club
54 Golf Course Dr, Ranchos De Taos, NM 87557
- **Las Cruces** – Sunset Grill: Sonoma Ranch Golf Course
1274 Golf Club Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88011

December 2nd

8:00 am - 9:00 am – VIRTUAL Charter School Innovation in Law*

To truly meet their missions, public charter schools in New Mexico are afforded certain waivers from state law. This session will focus on these waivers and what is possible for schools in using them. Participants will get exposure to the law and considerations for deciding on using waivers.

****This session counts toward 1 hour of governing council training credit for Ethics and Responsibilities***

11:00 am - 12:00 pm – VIRTUAL Panel: The Future of Equity

Focusing on the success of all our students is not new for many of our educators. The Yazzie Martinez ruling has changed the environment, but the effects are unclear. This panel of experts has been focusing on equity their entire careers, and provide perspective from the Yazzie/Martinez Plaintiffs, the state, a school district, and, of course, a charter school, and will explore the future of equity in New Mexico education.

- Rick Miera (invited), Former Chair of the House Education Committee
- Kata Sandoval, Deputy Secretary of Academic Engagement and Student Success, Public Education Department
- Matt Montano, Superintendent, Bernalillo Public Schools
- Theresa Archuleta, Co-Director, Tierra Adentro of New Mexico



- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm – VIRTUAL** The State of Public Charter Schools of New Mexico: PCSNM's Annual Report
Members of PCSNM are welcome to attend this session, which will provide an inside peek of PCSNM's organizational health. We are accountable to our members!
- 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm – VIRTUAL** Public Charter Schools of New Mexico 2021 awards
Join us for this exciting event, where we honor our charter community. Awards will include Charter School of the Year, Charter Leader of the Year; Charter Student of the Year and Governing Board Member of the Year. Come see the people that make our charter schools work!
- 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm – VIRTUAL** Legislative Panel
Join our Legislators from both the House and Senate for a panel to discuss the upcoming legislative session. They'll share their thoughts on possibilities and threats existing for charter schools and the state as a whole.