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PED Rally Results



Today was a great day in Santa Fe! Thank you to all who came, and thank you for the prayers of those who couldn't join us. The rally was very positive and the signs were

perfect. It showed that we have love and respect while standing up for our rights as homeschoolers. KOB TV was there and did an interview with several people including TJ Schmidt, our HSLDA attorney. [You can see the interview and the statement PED released to KOB.](#) We have some positive results to report. PED has released confirmation numbers for everyone, regardless if they signed the eleven assurances or not. In addition, CNM has released the holds on the accounts of those who had not signed the assurances. Overall, this has been a great day, but this is just the first battle. The administration will change in January and who is in the governor's chair will make all the difference. If we get someone who supports PED's desires to increase homeschool regulation, then our battle will continue. We need to all be vigilant for the election and for the upcoming legislative session.

Along with the PED confirmation notification, they have stated that we are still responsible for meeting the expectations in the eleven assurances. This has generated quite a bit of concern. It means that we still have a way to go to educate PED on what homeschooling is. As a result, there are a lot of questions about which laws we must follow. The homeschool law, however, has not changed. The homeschool laws that we need to follow are:

- Children that are 5 to 18 years, unless they have completed their education and received a diploma or equivalent, must attend some type of school (homeschool, public, or private)
- Homeschool for the length of your district's school year - typically 180 days
- Homeschool in science, math, language arts, and social studies
- Keep a record of immunizations or waivers
- The operator of your homeschool must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Registration with the State of NM must be completed within 30 days of establishing your homeschool and by August 1 each year thereafter.

These are the laws that we have been following for many years, and we should continue to follow them.

I hope this helps. Praise the Lord that we are done with this battle. Take this time to enjoy your children and refresh for the battles to come.

Changes to the NM Homeschool Convention



Changes are being made to the NM Homeschool Convention. First, the Convention will be only 2 days, Friday and Saturday. Hopefully, this will allow more Dads to come since they will only need to take one day off from work. Second, children will be allowed in the workshops with their Moms and Dads. We will ask that parents with children sit towards the back of the room and moms that would be distracted by little

ones sit toward the front of the room to accommodate the different wishes of our attendees. Finally, the convention will be moved to June 21-22, 2019. Registration will open in 2019. More details are to come.

NM Homeschool Graduation Recognition Ceremony



Among the many changes coming next year, graduation is among them. Graduation will be separate from the convention. The CAPE-NM graduation recognition ceremony will be Saturday, May 18, 2019. Registration will not open until next year, so there is no need to panic or rush to register. Keep an eye out for the communiques and we will tell you when graduation registration is open.

CAPE-NM Calendar



October 19-21, 2018 [Fall Family Retreat](#)

Registration currently open

February 4-8, 2019 [TeenPact Leadership School](#)

February 7, 2019 [CAPE at the Capitol](#)

May 18, 2019 CAPE NM Graduation Recognition Ceremony

June 21-22, 2019 CAPE NM

Homeschool Convention

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