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## About the Association

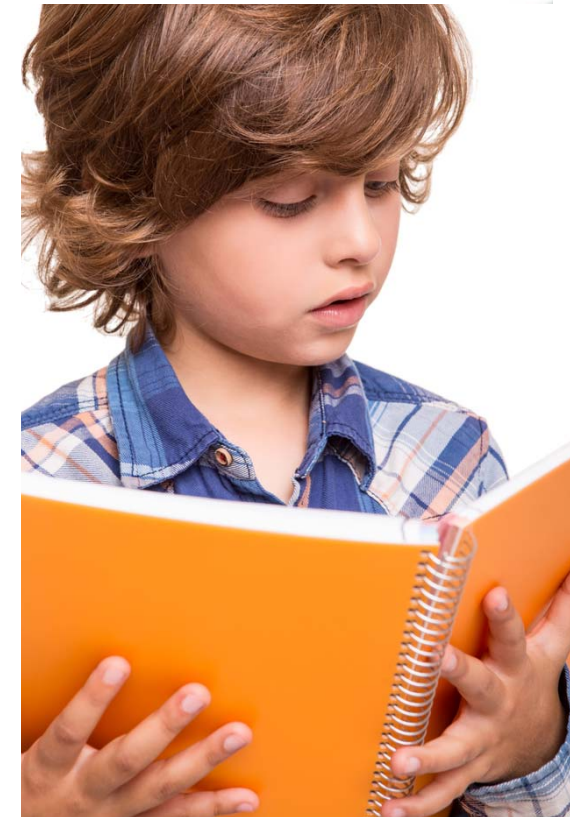
The Regional Education Cooperatives Association (RECA) is composed of nine Regional Education Cooperatives that are located throughout New Mexico supporting 63 rural school districts, charter schools, and state-supported schools.

The RECA envisions a system of regional and statewide collaboration that ensures all New Mexico children, families, schools, and communities receive high-quality and comprehensive education and health services.

RECA was organized in 1997 by the Executive Directors of the regional education cooperatives.

RECA is affiliated with the NM Coalition of Educational Leaders (NMCEL), Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA), Association of School Business Officials (ASBO), Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), and National Staff Development Council.

**For more information on  
RECs or RECA, please visit:**  
[www.NMRECA.org](http://www.NMRECA.org)



**RECA ... educational service agencies collaborating as partners in support of the educational mission for all New Mexico children.**

## About the Cooperatives

In 1984, the New Mexico State Board of Education established Regional Center Cooperatives (RCCs) under SBE Regulation No. 84.6. In 1993, the New Mexico State Legislature created Regional Education Cooperatives, Act 22-2B-1 to 22-2B-6, NMSA, 1978, as “state agencies administratively attached to the Public Education Department”. Unlike educational service agencies in other states, Regional Education Cooperatives (RECs) receive minimal direct, state funding to support the program and services they provide. Their existence and success depends upon providing programs and services that would otherwise be cost prohibitive to their member districts. The RECs depend upon revenues from contracted delivery of services to districts, grants, inter-governmental agreements, and joint-powers agreements.

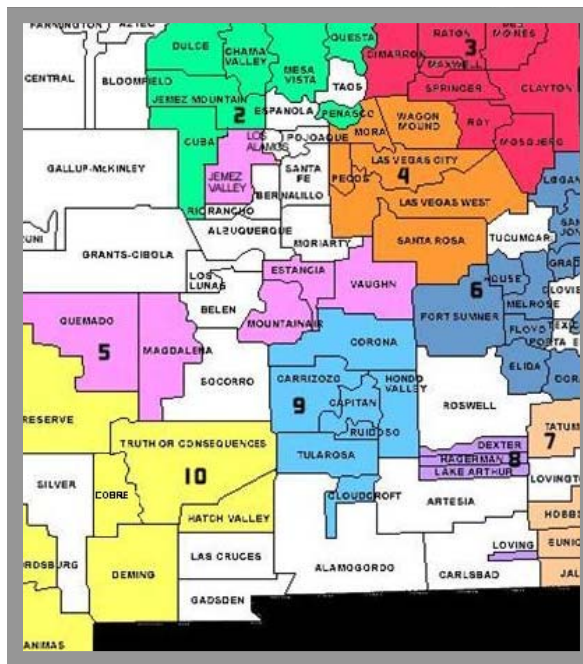
*“Economies of scale through (RECs) allow districts to leverage limited resources into targeted support for multiple schools and to share costs with other school districts. (RECs) must also be accountable to their customers, react to the marketplace, act as entrepreneurs, and respond to federal, state, and local district needs.”*

Rod Paige, Past-U.S. Secretary of Education

## Quality, Proximity, Capacity, Accessibility: Keys to Our Success

New Mexico's nine RECs are geographically distributed across the state and serve 63 rural school districts and state-supported schools.

RECs have a unique understanding of the strengths and challenges of their member districts. REC's use these insights to provide responsive, quality support and services to improve student outcomes and meet local district's needs. RECs also play a vital role in the delivery and implementation of core services and major statewide education initiatives.



## RECs: Making a Difference

RECs are a vital and necessary component of New Mexico's education system and will continue to serve as a conduit and delivery system for New Mexico's school improvement and transformation.

- New Mexico RECs serve 63 of the 89 school districts statewide with over 42,628 student membership (K-12).
- In 2014, 62% of schools served by RECs improved or maintained their school grade.
- 47% of students served by RECs were proficient or advanced in reading and 38% were proficient or advanced in mathematics.
- 81% of students served by RECs graduated from high school (2013), as compared to the state average of 70%.
- Over 6,352 educators, 1,965 students, and 260 parents participated in REC sponsored professional development activities during the 2013-2014 school year.
- Over 35,769 hours of technical assistance was provided to districts by RECs.
- RECs employ over 197 professionals.
- 131 children were provided Even Start or Head Start programs through RECs.
- 61 children, Birth to Three, were provided services through RECs.
- Approximately 115 students participated in REC Workforce Development programs.
- In 2013-2014, 1,179 children participated in REC sponsored Child Find activities, designed to screen students who may have special needs.
- In 2013-2014, there were 8 School-Based Health Centers operated by RECs.

## REC Services: A Snapshot

The following are just some of the many services provided by RECs in New Mexico:

- Bus Driver Training
- Career Readiness and Work Study Programs
- Common Core State Standards Support and Training
- Charter Schools Support and Training
- Child Find Activities
- Coordinate School-Reform Initiatives for NMPED
- Cooperative School Nurse Services and Related Services
- Education Data Collection & Analysis
- E-Rate
- Fiscal Agency and Business Management Services
- Graduation/Drop-Out Prevention
- Interactive Technology Training and Coaching
- Lending Library: Instructional Materials/Equipment
- Medicaid School-Based Health Services
- Parent Training
- PE-MOSAA (Medicaid/Presumptive Eligibility) Enrollment
- Principal Mentoring
- Professional Development
- Reads to Lead! (Regional Reading Coaching)
- School and District Strategic Planning
- School-Based Health Clinics (Administration)
- School-Based Health Services
- Sexual Harassment/Child Abuse
- Special Education Technical Assistance
- Standards-Based/Data-Based Instruction Facilitation
- Substance Abuse Prevention/Character Education/Bullying
- Suicide Prevention
- Teacher Evaluation Training and Support
- Teacher Mentoring
- Technology Assistance and Maintenance
- Title II: High Quality Teachers and Principals