



Pecos Valley Regional Education Cooperative #8



Our Goal: To serve our member districts

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History

- ▶ In 1984, the New Mexico State Board of Education (SBE) established ten Regional Center Cooperatives (RCCs) under SBE Regulation No. 84-6. The purpose of the RCCs is to provide services for local education agencies and eligible state supported schools under Public Law 94-142, the Education of the Handicapped Act. SBE Regulation No. 84-6 permitted districts to submit consolidated applications to the State Department of Education (SDE) for certain entitlement and discretionary funds under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). Since 1984, RCCs have also established cooperative programs of education services with funds other than IDEA funds, federal, state and local.
- ▶ The 41st Legislative Session authorized the establishment of Regional Education Cooperatives (RECs) and the State Board of Education adopted SBE Regulation 93-23, which establishes the minimum criteria for the establishment, operation, and oversight of RECs; this change in statute and regulation was what provided for the expansion of services beyond Special Education.
- ▶ RECs are state agencies administratively attached to the State Education Agency. The State Board of Education, which no longer exists, authorized the existence and operation of RECs formed by local school boards joining with other school boards or other state-supported education institutions. RECs are exempt from the provisions of the Personnel Act [10-9-1 to 10-9-25 NMSA 1978] and state centralized purchasing.
- ▶ The PVREC #8 has been in operation since 1984 when New Mexico began accepting federal funds through the Education for Handicapped Act (P.L. 94-142) reauthorized as the IDEA in 1997 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) of 2004. Members of PVREC #8 as approved by the SBE are those entities approved in the New Mexico State Plan for distribution of P.L. 94-142 funds. PVREC #8 was established with five districts:
 - ▶ ☐ Dexter Consolidated Schools,
 - ▶ ☐ Hagerman Municipal Schools,
 - ▶ ☐ Lake Arthur Municipal Schools,
 - ▶ ☐ Loving Municipal Schools and
 - ▶ ☐ Artesia Public Schools. Artesia Public Schools left the RCC #8 in 1992.
- ▶ In August 2001, the RCC Coordinating Council from its member districts, voted to transition to an REC and applied to the State Director of Special Education on November 7, 2001 in accordance with SBE regulation 84-6.

History, continued...

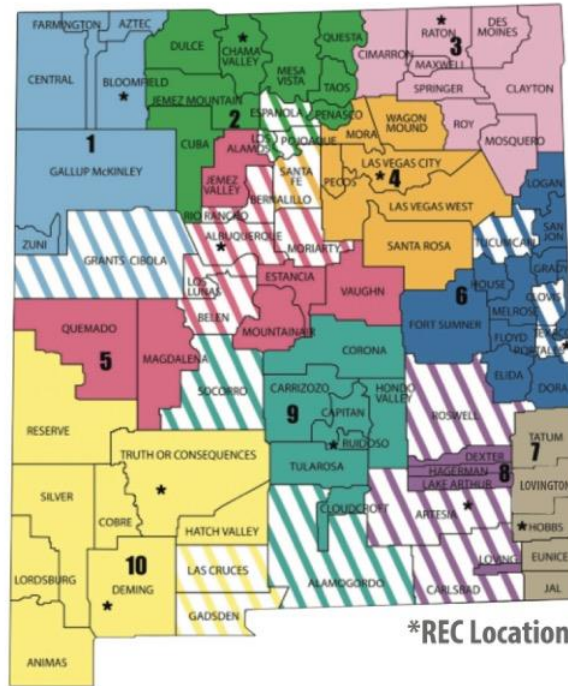
- ▶ The PVREC #8 became an agency providing cooperative education services for four public school districts. The services available to member districts include:
 - grants management (federal and state),
 - grants administration (federal and state),
 - compliance with state and federal regulations,
 - professional development,
 - hiring of related service personnel, and other services as prescribed by the Coordinating Council,
 - provision of educational program acquisition and training of staff for program execution,
 - building of strategic partnerships to enhance the ability of regional schools to deliver consistent quality education.

These activities are commensurate with the vision and mission of the PVREC #8 in assisting member districts in providing appropriate education to the students in their districts.

NMRECA Regional Map



NMRECA DISTRICTS DISTRIBUTION MAP



Message from the Executive Director

Hello, my name is Kelley Alsup and I am the Executive Director at PVREC 8.

We have one goal at PVREC 8: To serve our member districts!

We do that in a variety of ways, including providing special education ancillary services, teacher trainings and supports, Medicaid billing and supports, collaborative teaming, various special and general education supports, facilitating Driver's Ed New Mexico, and even launching rockets every Spring from Jal, NM through our aerospace engineering program, SystemsGo NewMexico. Our team is made up of high-quality professionals; we provide educational services to school districts and students in Southeastern New Mexico and around our great state while excellent customer service and doing what is best for kids!

I believe that New Mexico is a great state, and I am proud to live here! New Mexico has great people, great educators, great schools, and great students! I believe we, as New Mexico educators, should work hard to tell more of the GOOD stories and promote our schools and our students. There is so much awesome work going on in New Mexico schools!

Finally, I believe Regional Educational Cooperatives in New Mexico are doing amazingt work to support our rural school districts across the state. We are each unique in our abilities and visions, but together, we are a strong, collaborative RECA. **Our common goal is simple and constant: *To serve every student, in every region, every day.***

Member Districts/Coordinating Council

Our member districts are:

Loving Municipal Schools

Lake Arthur Municipal Schools

Hagerman Municipal Schools

Dexter Consolidated Schools

Coordinating Council Members:

Elisa Begueria, Council Chair, Superintendent/ Lake Arthur Schools

Lee White, Co-Chair, Superintendent/ Loving Schools

Belia Reyes, Member, Superintendent/ Hagerman Schools

Tom Graves, Member, Superintendent/ Dexter Schools



Special Education

- ▶ SPED CFT teams (Special Education Directors) meet monthly to collaborate efforts in serving all district needs
- ▶ Monthly law/conference calls with Walsh/Gallegos to answer legal questions and provide supports/trainings as needed
- ▶ PVREC 8 helps provide staff for hard-to-fill positions in all areas of therapy/related services for our member districts
- ▶ PD and supports for member district in SPED related areas/topics
- ▶ Writing grants for member districts to assist in funds for:
 - IDEA-B applications*

Special Education, continued...

- ▶ Provide the following ancillary services to member districts:
 - SLP/ASL:** 2 staff, 4 contracted through Therapy Options, and 5 through MS SLPCCC to service all district needs; share with Artesia Public Schools
 - OT/R:** 2 staff/contractor to service all districts for evaluations and supervision of COTA/Ls
 - PT:** 1 full time on staff and in collaboration with Artesia Public Schools
 - COTA/L:** 2 staff to service all member districts; 1 staff/contracted COTA/L
 - Diagnostician:** 2 staff/contractor to serve all member districts as needed
 - School Psychologist:** 1 staff to serve all member districts
 - Social Worker:** 1 staff to serve all member districts
 - Transition Specialist:** 1 staff to service all member districts

Distance/Remote Education


- ▶ **Online Courses:**
 - ▶ 2023-2024 Edgenuity for member districts
 - ▶ Developing stages of CTE regional partnership
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SystemsGo New Mexico


- ▶ *SystemsGo New Mexico* is a High School Rocket Science Program Sponsored by Franklin Mountain Energy, Pico Technologies, NASA, Boeing, New Mexico Tech, and Spaceport America
- ▶ Rockets are launched by students from all over New Mexico in April from Jal, NM



Driver's Ed New Mexico

- ▶ PVREC 8 runs the Driver's Ed New Mexico program which provides virtual classroom instruction for students from all over New Mexico in districts that cannot provide Driver's Ed to their students. We served approximately 220 students during the 2023-24 SY.
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Post Secondary/Other Partnerships

- ▶ PVREC #8 staff have worked diligently to cultivate strong partnerships with New Mexico Institutes of Higher Education to bring more opportunities to our member districts.
 - ▶ Some of these partners include:
 - ▶ ENMU-R
 - ▶ New Mexico Tech
 - ▶ New Mexico State University
 - ▶ GEAR UP (through ENMU-R)
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Strategic Partnerships

- ▶ PVREC #8 Staff have worked diligently over the last several years to cultivate many strategic partnerships to help our member districts provide quality educational opportunities to our students and the surrounding area.

Some of these partners include:

- ▶ Virgin Galactic
 - ▶ Spaceport America
 - ▶ Franklin Mountain Energy
 - ▶ Pico Technologies
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Statewide Impact

- ▶ During the 2023-2024 School year PVREC #8 had a statewide impact with several projects:
 - ▶ Kelley Alsup (Executive Director) is currently the NMRECA President. She also serves on the NMCEL Board
 - ▶ Candice Barrera (Deputy Director) serves as a Dossier Coach/Reader/Editor for teachers across the State of NM
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Audited Financial Position

- ▶ Final approval of PVREC 8's yearly audit was received on 10/9/24 from Joseph M. Maestes, P.E., State Auditor. Audit results are on file therein.