



August 2022

Federal Programs

Welcome Back to School

We, are excited to begin a new school year and are looking forward to supporting all educational activities in the Espanola Public Schools.

The mission of the Federal Programs Department is to improve literacy and math achievement by providing customer service to all stakeholders through quality processes and effective communication.

Our plan this school year is to collaborate with each school to develop strategies and techniques to get and keep students engaged in learning. We want to help all students have positive and empowering learning experiences with in the Espanola Public Schools.

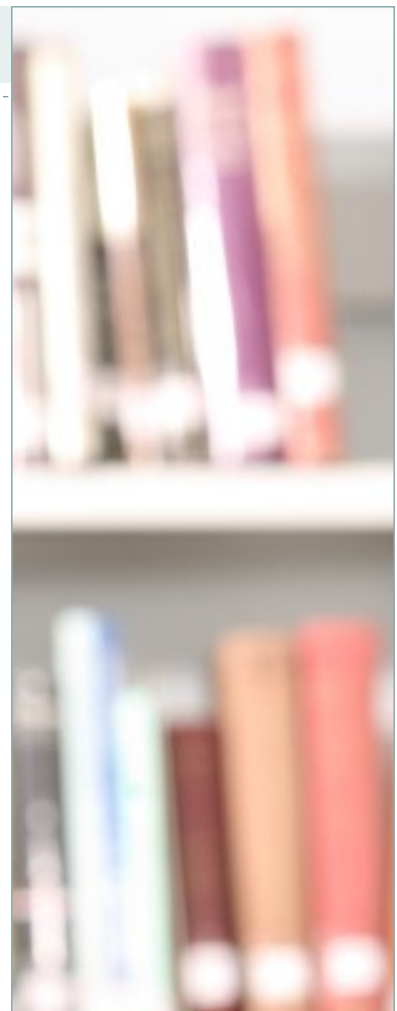
We have recently added a Family Support Engagement Specialist to our staff, Mrs. Ashley Vigil. Ashley Vigil is the new Family Support Engagement Specialist. Although she is new to the position, she is not new to the district. Ashley has over a decade of successful experience in education for the Española Public Schools as a teacher in the elementary and middle school settings. Ashley specializes in reading intervention, college and career readiness, and culturally responsive education. She has organized many events and coordinated efforts to get students excited about their futures through partnerships with families and the community and is well versed in AVID methodologies. Ashley will be collaborating with all school staff to create increased family engagement opportunities.

Our office is also supporting AVID programs throughout the district. Our district coordinator is Mr. Daniel Allinder. Mr. Allinder also serves as principal at Hernandez Elementary school. We are working to provide ongoing professional development for all our AVID schools. There will be much more exciting information coming soon about AVID.

21ST CENTURY PROGRAM

21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) is an out of school time program offered free of charge through a federal grant administered by the New Mexico Public Education Department. The program offers academic, leadership, and enrichment opportunities for students and families.

The 21st century program will begin at all school sites on August 29th. If you are interested in working with the after school program please let your school site principal know. All interested staff need to write a letter of interest to their principals.



IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School —August 15
Early Release Day — August 24
21st Century Starts —August 29
Labor Day Holiday — Sept. 5

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