

2021 New Mexico School Counselors' Community Conference

The State Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy

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The State Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy (SSBB) is the capstone of culturally and linguistically responsive education that the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) envisions for New Mexico students. The SSBB does not only prepare New Mexico students to be global citizens and meet local community needs but more importantly, honors New Mexico's heritage and the heritage languages. This session will provide information about the state regulation, adoption, and implementation of the SSBB in districts and charter schools across the state. The overarching goal of this presentation will be to inform educators about the SSBB's role in academic achievement, college and career readiness, and in recognizing students for being fluent in a language other than English.

About Kadriye El-Atwani



Kadriye El-Atwani, PhD. earned her B.S in Elementary Mathematics Education with a minor in Science Education from the Middle East Technical University in Turkey. After teaching in private and public school settings in Turkey, she came to the U.S. to pursue her graduate degree in the area of multicultural education. Her dissertation research was an example of comprehensive comparative case study with a focus in developing multicultural education curricula in minority schools in the U.S. In fact, one of the research sites in her study was in Albuquerque, NM. In her current position as the Equity Specialist at the New Mexico Public Education Department, she works to build capacity in culturally and linguistically responsive pedagogy by collaborating with the educators in New Mexico to transform the school environments into learning environments that prepare *all* students to be college and career ready and secure their identity, community, and life. She carries multicultural passion through her professional and personal life. She is raising her two children proudly in a trilingual home.