What is Ethnic Studies & What is the Purpose?
- It is a community-driven effort started during the Civil Rights Movement to include voices that had not been heard before
- It teaches all students to respect themselves and each other
- To provide information that is locally relevant within the global context
- To help students understand how history has shaped the current situation
- To provide students with tools to solve problems in our complex and changing world

Positive Results for all Types of Students: High School Through College
- Higher grades
- Higher standardized test scores
- Improved school attendance
- Increases in learning overall
- Faster graduation rates
- Self-reported higher levels of satisfaction
- Equipped for a complex and ever-changing workforce
- Increased enjoyment of school for students and teachers of all ethnicities

What Ethnic Studies is NOT
- For “at risk” students only
- For “ethnic” students only
- Its own elective class; it needs to be infused into whole curriculum
- Promotion of racial division
- A brief mention of isolated “ethnic groups” or “ethnic heroes”
- An alternative to U.S. or NM history