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NJDOE Professional Development for Educators of New Jersey

Front Page Items

**** HOT NEWS!** The 2004 New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards are now complete with the adoption of the **revised social studies standards** on October 6, 2004. Check them out at www.nj.gov/njded/aps/cccs/ss.

**** Electronic Field Trips.** Live, interactive broadcasts and online curriculum. Five trips – from the Grand Canyon to the baseball hall of fame) <http://www.bsu.edu/eft/0405/lineup.html>.

**** School Health Resources.** Health, mental health, and safety in schools.

<http://www.schoolhealth.org/>

**** Virtual travels** to pyramids, live animals and volcanoes, and interactive science and mathematics. See NJPEP's front page.

Students and Teachers

1. **HOT NEWS!** "Revise/Edit" is no longer part of GEPA (grade eight proficiency assessment).
2. Check out **Opportunities for Students** to get ready for the newest contests. http://www.njpep.org/parents_students/opportunities.html
3. **COMING SOON!** GEPA tutorials for mathematics and language arts literacy.
4. Visit the **Workshops page** to learn more about **rubrics**. Check out **Cooking with Data** to learn how to use student data as a part of your instructional planning, **differentiated learning**, and much more. Contact NJPEP professional development coordinators for data availability. <http://www.njpep.org/workshops/index.html>
5. **Selected NJEA Workshops:**
 - a. "Ins and Outs of Assessment and Achievement: Scenarios and Resources," (Lavinia Kumar)
 - b. "Demystify Metacognitive Teaching", (Dorothy Atkins and Marcia Ashhurst-Whiting)
 - c. "Innovative Online Professional Development Opportunity for Middle School Science Teachers," (Maria Mendez and Beth Ebler).

Fall Professional Development

1. Fall 2004 workshops for teachers on **family life education**. Trainer: Nora Gelperin, director of Training and Education, Rutgers Network for Family Life Education. Register with the Network for Family Life Education at 732-445-7929.
 - Baby Steps: Teaching about Family Life in Grades K-2
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; December 1 at R. Stockton College of New Jersey; Cost: \$25
 - When Sex is the Subject: Teaching About Family Life in Grades 3-4
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; November 15 at R. Stockton College of New Jersey and November 16 at Gloucester County College. Cost: \$25
2. For NJDOE Technical Assistance meetings at Regional Offices, see <http://education.state.nj.us/events/>.

Special Notes with regard to Induction with Mentoring

New Jersey's Toolkit for Induction with Mentoring. Thanks to the work of a dedicated statewide taskforce, the Mentoring Toolkit is almost ready. Districts will receive a complete binder to support the work of the Local Professional Development Committee, the board of education, and mentor training providers on topics such as "Induction and Mentoring," "Developing a District Induction with Mentoring Plan for Approval," "How to Select, Train, and Support Mentors" (including criteria for providers), and "Assessment and Evaluation."

Funding. State funds will be allocated in early winter to all districts having first-year provisional teachers. The monies must be used to reimburse novice teachers for their stipend payments for mentors. Additionally, federal funds (part of the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant) have been transferred to all eligible districts to support the training of mentors.

New Teacher Mentoring Regulations. A letter has been sent to all districts regarding the process for the development of the mentoring plan within the local professional development plan.

More information? See <http://www.nj.gov/njded/profdev/mentor/>