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## **NJDOE Professional Development for Educators of New Jersey**

### **Front Page Items**

1. **The Year of the Language** is sponsored by The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL; see <http://www.actfl.org>). Please check out the right-hand side of the NJPEP home page. Each month we'll feature a new component. The focus for January is Language Policy. Be sure to check out the listed opportunities and information.
2. **Professional Standards for Teachers.** Check out NJPEP's Professional Development page (<http://www.njpep.org/pd/index.html>) for links supporting **Standard One – Subject Matter Knowledge**. Notice that we have a link for each component of the standard: *Knowledge, Disposition, and Performance*. Next month we'll highlight Standard Two: Human Growth and Development.
3. **FREE professional development.** Video-based online Teacher-to-Teacher Workshops from the U.S. Department of Education, primarily for pK-8 teachers and principals. See <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/>.
4. **REMEMBER!** "Revise/Edit" is no longer part of GEPA (grade eight proficiency assessment).

### **Teachers and School Leader Standards and Excellence**

1. **The Professional Development for School Leaders and the Teachers Initiatives** are excellent Web pages with excellent guidance and resources, on the NJ Department of Education's Professional Standards and Learning, at <http://www.nj.gov/njded/profdev/>.
2. **Nationally Certified Teachers in New Jersey.** Thirty-two teachers in New Jersey have met this high standard this year. See <http://www.nj.gov/njded/news/1202nct.htm>.
3. **Governor's Schools of Excellence.** Twenty-two schools throughout New Jersey have shown significant improvement and promise, and have won recognition and awards. See <http://www.nj.gov/njded/news/1123gse.htm>.

### **Upcoming Professional Development**

1. **Keep Math on Track: Bridging the Gap Between High School and College Mathematics.** January 14, 2005 at Brookdale Community College. Register via <http://www.amtnj.org>.
2. **Igniting Professional Learning: Models and Strategies.** A conference: April 28 & 29, 2005. For more information, check your regional DOE office.
3. **Creating Caring High Schools:** Integrating Character Education into the Core Curriculum Content Standards – Monday, February 15, 2004.
4. **August!** Plan your action research now for presentation at the Department of Education's Conference in Atlantic City. The August 9-11, 2005, conference, *Keeping the Promise: Maximizing Achievement Across the Curriculum*, emphasizes early literacy and standards. Looking for a research guide? Check out templates such as the Goals 2000: Action Research Report at [http://www.csd509j.net/teaching\\_learning/StrategicReaders/actionresearchtemplate.htm](http://www.csd509j.net/teaching_learning/StrategicReaders/actionresearchtemplate.htm).
5. For NJDOE Technical Assistance meetings at Regional Offices <http://education.state.nj.us/events/>.

### **Selected Resources**

1. **I'm Dreaming of a Bright Holiday.** Learn about the properties of light with this Education World activity. [http://www.education-world.com/a\\_lesson/showbiz\\_science/showbiz\\_science010.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/showbiz_science/showbiz_science010.shtml)
2. **Winter Classroom Activities for Grades 2-6.** Lesson plans from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. [http://www.epa.gov/superfund/students/class\\_act/winter/](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/students/class_act/winter/)
3. **Winter Weather.** Wind chill alone can't freeze water. Find out why. Discover other winter weather facts. <http://www.usatoday.com/weather/wwinter0.htm>