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**Need a turnkey
workshop to train
your curriculum
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NJDOE Professional Development for Educators of New Jersey

Front Page Items

Math is in, and so is engineering and science – and arts and literacy, and...! Register for the following workshops on the NJDOE events page at <http://education.state.nj.us/events/>.

- > "Uncovering Algebra in Everyday Mechanisms." Choose November 18, or December 2, 2005.
- > "High School Math & Economics" on November 29, 2005.
- > "Reaching the Struggling Math Student Through Arts Integration" on December 5, 2005.
- > "Literacy: The Integration of Reading, Writing, and Math" on November 7, 2005.

> For additional professional development, try an online course to improve mathematics content knowledge. Find a course from resources on NJPEP's online courses page, at http://www.njpep.org/pd/online_courses/index.html.

Data and Assessment is essential!

> Ask for "Cooking with Data," "Developing Assessments Based on NJ Standards," "Utilizing Assessment Data for Targeted Instruction," assessment preparation and other workshops for NJPEP. See a description of workshops with agendas and resources at <http://www.njpep.org/workshops/index.html>

> "Teachers as Assessors: Using the State Tests as a Foundation for Assuring Learning" - a workshop by Willa Spicer on December 6, 2005. Sign up on the NJDOE events page. *NOTE: Willa Spicer is Director of the N.J. Performance Assessment Alliance (NJPA) Performance Assessment Pilot Project, which has resulted in several initiatives, including 1) shaping a new vision for changes in the statewide assessment program and classroom instruction; and 2) the creation of a five-year performance assessment pilot project in New Jersey designed to create, field test, evaluate and revise a system of locally developed performance assessments at grades 3, 6 and 11.*

Paraprofessionals have an extension! For those who must be qualified, qualification must be completed by the end of the 2005-2006 school year. (The qualification date was originally set for December, 2005)

Fall Professional Development

1. **2005 International Education Regional Discussion and Awareness Forums** in October and November 2005. These sessions are free. Sign up on the NJDOE events page.
2. **Keep tuned for content-specific workshops based on content standards!** You'll see a list off NJPEP's Workshops and Standards pages.
3. **National Staff Development Council (NSDC) Annual Conference** in Philadelphia PA, December 3-7, 2005. For more information: <http://www.nsd.org/connect/events.cfm> .

Winter/Summer Professional Development – *Plan it Now!*

1. **New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAPERD) Annual Conference**, February 26-28, 2006 in East Brunswick, NJ. For more information: <http://www.njahperd.org/Convention2006.htm>.
2. **Physical Science Institute** – Summer 2006. See <http://www.njsta.org/news/current.htm>.

News and Information Paraprofessionals

1. **A new New Jersey Social Studies Supervisors Association** is being formed. For information, e-mail John.Dougherty@doe.state.nj.us.
2. **A listing of all NJDOE news and information.** <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/news/info.htm>.
3. **Ben's Guide to US Government for Kids:** This site provides learning tools for K-12 students, parents, and teachers. These resources will teach how our government works, and much more. <http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>
4. **Hangout NJ:** a great New Jersey resource for kids of all ages. http://www.state.nj.us/hangout_nj/
5. **NJPEP's Parents' and Students' page** – for help with homework, careers, field trips and useful information. See http://www.njpep.org/parents_students/index.html.