



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: July 17, 2020
To: Chief School Administrators and Charter School Leads Operating Preschool Programs
Route To: Principals, School Counselors, Master Teachers, Preschool Intervention and Referral Team Members (PIRT), Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction in State-Funded Preschool Programs
From: Cary A. Booker, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Early Childhood Education
Deadline: August 7, 2020

NJDOE Seeks Input on Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is committed to building and maintaining a strong and equitable state education system through a collaborative approach to curriculum development, data, literacy and professional development. The NJDOE believes that collaboration with stakeholders and experts is essential to improving teaching and learning and providing all students with equitable access to high-quality opportunities from preschool through post-secondary success. Therefore, the Division of Early Childhood Education (DECE) is updating its Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards and is seeking input from preschool educators, experts and other stakeholders in early childhood education.

The NJDOE is seeking interested practitioners, scholars and stakeholders with experience in:

- Early childhood preschool program context (e.g., preschool instruction and leadership, representatives from higher education, multiple populations in a variety of locations such as urban/suburban/rural)
- Comprehensive, developmentally appropriate content delivery and leadership
- Multiple years of experience
- Diverse and appropriate roles in preschool instruction, program operations and scholarship (e.g., teachers, master teachers, supervisors, principals, curriculum directors, higher education professors, early childhood professional organization leaders)

It is anticipated that individuals participating on the committee will engage in approximately 10 sessions, with possible additional time as needed for virtual sessions or individual work.

Contact information

All interested individuals must send a resume to doeearlychild@doe.nj.gov by August 7, 2020. In addition, individuals from school districts should ask their principal or superintendent to complete the [Statement of Assurance](#) and [survey questions](#). Individuals from higher education or professional organizations should submit a letter of intent with their resume.

We hope you or a colleague will consider participating on the Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards Review Committee. Please forward questions to doeearlychild@doe.nj.gov.

c: Members, State Board of Education
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