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Bridge Year Liaison Webinar

On June 26, 2020, Governor Murphy signed into law [P.L. 2020 c. 41](#) establishing the Bridge Year Pilot Program (Program). The purpose of this Program is to provide students in the graduating classes of 2021 and 2022 with the opportunity to offset disruptions to learning opportunities and extracurricular activities that might have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the Program, each high school in a school district shall designate a school staff member as a Bridge Year Liaison to serve as the school's central point of contact for students interested in pursuing a Bridge Year.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) will host a webinar for Bridge Year Liaisons on Friday, May 7, 2021 from 10-11 a.m. The webinar will provide essential information regarding the collection and reporting of student participation data, collaboration with other school personnel (i.e., Individualized Education Program (IEP) Case Managers, teachers and school administrators), collaboration with postsecondary institutions, development of the student's Individual Learning Plan (ILP), and next steps for the districts and Bridge Year liaisons.

[Register online](#) for the Bridge Year Liaison Webinar on May 7, 2021. Registration will be open until May 6, 2021.

The webinar will be recorded for those who cannot attend on May 7, 2021. A separate email containing a link to the webinar will be sent to districts prior to the meeting. Please email bridgeyear@doe.nj.gov with any questions or comments.

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