



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators
From: Jorden Schiff, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Field Services

Submission of New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) District Performance Review Documents

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) NJQSAC portal on the [NJDOE Homeroom website](#) is now open for school district submission of NJQSAC documents. **The submission of NJQSAC documents must be completed on or before November 15, 2021.** To provide clarity and improve consistency, the NJDOE has posted [the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum \(NJQSAC\) User Manual](#) and the [New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum County Special Services School District \(CSSSSD\) User Manual](#) on its website. Districts are encouraged to review this manual prior to submitting the NJQSAC self-evaluation.

As in previous years, the NJDOE provides data for indicators within the Instruction and Program (I and P), Operations, Personnel and Governance areas of the District Performance Review (DPR). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are a variety of modifications related to monitoring the following indicators:

- **I and P Indicators 1, 2, 4 and 5** – The student proficiency and student growth scores are based on state assessments from 2018-2019 due to the federal waiver of the administration of state assessments in the 2019-2020 school year and the use of fall 2021 Start Strong Assessment administration for the 2020-2021 school year.
- **I and P Indicator 7** – The school district chronic absenteeism rates for this indicator are based on 2018-2019 data because the Department was granted a federal waiver regarding the use of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 data for school accountability purposes.
- **I and P Indicator 8** – The requirements to meet this indicator can include the evaluation of Start Strong assessment data and local assessment data. Districts may also choose to analyze the 2018-2019 state assessment data more closely and present those findings as well.
- **Operations Indicator 7** – The submission of the Statement of Assurance and board of education approval of the harassment, intimidation, and bullying self-assessment for each school in the district, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46*, is extended and must be submitted by December 1, 2021.
- **Personnel Indicators 1a-c** – These indicators verify the staff evaluation process, which includes summative scores, measures of practice, and student growth. There are no Student Growth Objectives (SGO) from the 2020-2021 school year so scoring will not be based on student growth. The components that constitute a complete evaluation score can be found [here](#).

In [Homeroom](#), districts must upload the DPR, signed Board Resolution, and signed Declaration Page. Additionally, districts may upload supporting documentation that the County Office of Education will use for verification of NJQSAC indicators. Uploading NJQSAC documents requires specific filename rules that must be followed to successfully upload. The instructions for uploading documents can be found in the NJQSAC application on the Homeroom webpage.

Please contact your [County Office of Education](#) or the NJQSAC Office at gsac@doe.nj.gov for further assistance.

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