



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: August 16, 2023
To: Chief School Administrators and Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
From: The New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education
Survey Deadline: October 16, 2023
Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJHolocaustSurvey>

New Jersey Holocaust Education Mandate Survey

As a leader in Holocaust education, New Jersey was the first state in the nation to form an Advisory Council on Holocaust Education as well as the first to mandate instruction on the Holocaust and genocides. Building on this work, on Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 17, 2023, Governor Murphy signed legislation ([A4720](#)) requiring the Commissioner of Education and the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education to design and distribute a survey to measure how each school district is meeting the State's requirement to include instruction on the Holocaust and genocide in an appropriate place in the curriculum of all elementary and secondary school students.

The goal of the survey is to inform the Commission on Holocaust Education on how each school district is meeting the instruction requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-28. The results from the survey will be used by the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education to provide educators, schools, and districts with professional development, tools, and resources to strengthen student learning of the Holocaust and genocides.

Pursuant to P.L. 2023, Chap. 36, approved April 17, 2023, the superintendent or a designee of each New Jersey public school district, charter, and renaissance school shall:

- (1) complete the [survey](#) distributed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 1 of this act within 60 days of its receipt; and
- (2) submit, with the survey response, an attestation affirming that the school district is meeting the instruction requirements established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1994, c.13 (C.18A:35-28).

Every district, charter, and renaissance school is required to complete the online [New Jersey Holocaust Mandate Survey](#) within 60 days of receipt or no later than October 16, 2023.

Please contact the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education at (609) 376-3778 or holocaust@doe.nj.gov, with any questions or concerns.

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