



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors, Instructional Coaches, Teachers
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Release of Climate Change Education Companion Documents

The State of New Jersey recognizes the urgency of addressing climate change and the impact climate change education will have on the future. To support local educational agencies (LEAs), the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has established guidelines for climate change education, aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS). These guidelines aim to foster climate literacy, encourage sustainable practices, and empower students to become informed and responsible citizens.

The NJDOE is pleased to make available the climate change education companion documents aligned to the NJSLS in [English Language Arts](#) and [mathematics](#). These documents promote an interdisciplinary approach to implementing the 2020 climate change-related performance expectations. Educators are encouraged to incorporate climate-related topics into existing lesson plans and curriculum as appropriate.

Ensuring New Jersey students are well-informed and equipped to make sound decisions regarding climate change is a shared responsibility; the NJDOE looks forward to partnering with educators across the State in the implementation of climate change education.

Contact information

Please email the Office of Standards at ELA@doe.nj.gov or mathematics@doe.nj.gov with any questions regarding the Climate Change Companion documents for the 2023 NJSLS.

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