



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: September 14, 2023
 To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
 Route To: Principals, Directors of Student Support Services, Directors of Special Education, Child Study Team Members, Special Education Teachers, General Education Teachers
 From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
 Division of Educational Services
 Registration: Varies; see chart below

Statewide Information Sessions on the Release of the New Jersey Autism Program Quality Indicators – Revised

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce the release of the [New Jersey Autism Program Quality Indicators-Revised \(APQI-R\)](#). The APQI-R represents a significant advancement in our collective efforts to provide exemplary programming for students with autism within our local education agencies and Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities (APSSDs) across the state. As esteemed partners in pursuing exceptional education, we value LEAs’ and APSSDs’ crucial role in delivering inclusive and high-quality learning environments. The APQI-R has been meticulously revised to foster the continuous improvement and effectiveness of autism programs within LEAs and APSSDs, ensuring that every student with autism receives the support they need to thrive. This guidance document is a self-assessment and quality improvement guide for programs serving students from PreK-Grade Twelve with autism spectrum disorder.

The Office of Special Education is organizing virtual information sessions to support the release of the APQI-R.

Information Session Date	Time	Register By:
September 27, 2023	1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	September 22, 2023
October 17, 2023	9:30 am-10:30 am	October 6, 2023
October 25, 2023	12 p.m. -1 p.m.	October 20, 2023
November 6, 2023	11:00 am – 12 p.m.	November 1, 2023
December 13, 2023	3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	December 8, 2023

Please register for “An Introductory Overview of the APQI-R” information session using the registration link provided in the NJDOE [Calendar of Events](#). You will receive a confirmation email with further details and access to the online session.

NJDOE encourages all educators, administrators, and stakeholders to attend one of the information sessions.

Contact Information

For more information, contact the Office of Special Education at OSEInfo@doe.nj.gov.

- c: Members, State Board of Education
- Statewide Parent Advocacy Network
- Garden State Coalition of Schools
- NJ LEE Group
- NJDOE Staff