



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: April 24, 2024
 To: Local Educational Agency Leads
 Route To: Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors, Instructional Coaches, Teachers
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 Division of Teaching and Learning Services

New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) Learning Lounge

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is excited to unveil a lineup of virtual professional development opportunities for educators across the state. Responding to the growing demand for flexible, content-rich training, the NJDOE is rolling out the NJSLS Learning Lounge – a dynamic series of monthly sessions that will empower teachers and administrators to elevate their practice.

The NJSLS Learning Lounge provides a transformative platform for meaningful dialogue, valuable insights, and concrete strategies for teachers, educational services professionals, supervisors, and administrators. These virtual sessions will feature interactive participation, opportunities to share best practices, collaborative discussions, and tangible takeaways for immediate implementation.

The NJSLS Learning Lounge events run through June 30, 2024, and can be found on the [NJDOE Calendar of Events](#). Registration is required, and participation is limited to 75 educators per session. There is no cost to attend. Registration will close when capacity is reached and/or one day before the session.

Session Topic	Date/Registration Link	Time
Using the NJSLS to Meet the Legislative Mandates in Social Studies	May 1 May 7	3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Lifting Up Your Voice: World Languages Listening Tour	Various dates May 6 to June 6; see NJDOE Calendar of Events and search “World Languages Listening Tour” to register	3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
The Science of Success: Insights in Science Education for K-12 Instructional Leaders	May 9 May 24	3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Building Community through Critique in Visual and Performing Arts	May 14 May 28	3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Unlock a Treasure Trove: Exploring NJ State Library Resources for K-12 Educators	May 20 June 4	3 p.m. to 4 p.m. 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Creating Climate Champions: Interweaving CHPE with Climate Change Education	May 23 June 4	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Dollars and Sense: Integrating Financial Literacy into the K-12 Classroom	May 28 June 6	3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Palette of Possibilities: Maximizing Federal Funds to Support Arts Education and Arts Integration	June 6 June 18	3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Gifted Education 101: Best Practices in Identifying and Serving Students	June 13	3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Highlighting Exceptional Students through National Recognition Programs	June 14	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
World Language 101: Insights for Administrators	June 24	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Contact Information

For questions about the NJSLS Learning Lounge, please contact Standards@doe.nj.gov.

NJDOE is committed to delivering targeted, high-quality professional development that empowers educators to best serve their students. Attendees can anticipate interactive sessions that go beyond the surface, encouraging thoughtful reflection on current practices and providing concrete strategies to enhance their skills.

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- NJDOE Staff
- Statewide Parent Advocacy Network
- Garden State Coalition of Schools
- NJ LEE Group