



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

**Date:** September 4, 2024

**To:** Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

**Route To:** Directors of Special Education, Administrators of Programs for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Educational Staff for Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

**From:** Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Educational Services

**Deadline:** September 13, 2024 registration for the September 21 workshop

## Free Virtual Professional Development for Educational Interpreters

The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Office of Special Education (OSE) is sponsoring four free video conference professional development opportunities for educational sign language interpreters. The workshops are presented by the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Diagnostic Center at Boys Town National Research Hospital, which designs professional development programs to support educational interpreters in kindergarten through grade twelve classrooms.

Each live video conference will be streamed from EIPA. Participants can access the video conferences remotely. The dates and topics are as follows:

- **Saturday, September 21, 2024:** Space: Deeper than the Surface
- **Saturday, November 16, 2024:** Don't Be Mad if I Don't Look: Interpreting for Hard of Hearing Consumers
- **Saturday, February 1, 2025:** Reintroducing the Magic of Science Through Visualization and Creative Language Play
- **Saturday, April 5, 2025:** Things Interpreters Need to Know About Audiology from Deaf Lens

Participants may register for more than one workshop. Please be advised that there is no registration fee, but space is limited to 50 participants. Participants are encouraged to register via the NJDOE's [Calendar of Events](#) as soon as possible.

### Contact information

For further information or questions, email [dhh.education@doe.nj.gov](mailto:dhh.education@doe.nj.gov).

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