



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: April 30, 2025  
To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors, Instructional Coaches, and Teachers  
From: Jorden Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Teaching and Learning Services  
Deadline: May 12, 2025

## **NJDOE Seeks Input on New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for Science and Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. § 6A:8-2.1 the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is required to review the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills (CLKS) and Science. The NJDOE is committed to engaging stakeholders in collaborative efforts to ensure the standards are rigorous, research-based and appropriate to prepare students for postsecondary and career success.

To conduct this comprehensive review, the Division of Teaching and Learning Services seeks to establish a highly qualified and diverse committee of volunteers with broad stakeholder representation. A self-nomination process will be used to identify educators, content experts, and other qualified stakeholders to serve on one of four committees convened as part of the standards review process, based on candidate qualifications and experience.

### **Committee Eligibility and Dates**

The four committees, the required qualifications, meeting dates, and mandatory time commitments are as follows:

#### **Expert Review Committee**

The Expert Review Committee will include **up to 10** experts for each content review.

Science	CLKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Educators with advanced degrees in science or science education and at least five years of K-12 science classroom experience and science education experts or faculty with advanced degrees who teach first-year biology, chemistry, physics, or Earth and space science courses in an accredited institution of higher education.</li><li>• One full-day meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025 (in-person, Trenton, NJ).</li><li>• Three 3-hour virtual meetings on June 5, June 19, and July 10, 2025.</li><li>• Three asynchronous assignments each approximating 4-6 hours of work.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Educators with advanced degrees in business, economics, finance, consumer science, human resources, counseling or related fields and extensive K-12 classroom experience who have taught financial literacy and/or a career preparation course and/or higher education faculty with advanced degrees or academic contributions in the fields noted above.</li><li>• One full-day meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025 (in-person, Trenton, NJ).</li><li>• Two 3-hour virtual meetings on June 10 and June 17, 2025.</li><li>• Three asynchronous assignments approximating a total of 4-6 hours of work.</li></ul>

### Draft Standards Writing Committee

The Draft Standards Writing Review Committee will include **up to 20** educators for each content review.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current educators appropriately certified to teach science in New Jersey public schools with at least five years of experience in teaching science in K-12 and instructional leaders with at least five years of experience in leading the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science.</li><li>• One full-day meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025 (in-person, Trenton, NJ).</li><li>• Three 3-hour virtual meetings, on June 10, June 24, and July 15, 2025.</li><li>• Four asynchronous assignments each approximating 6-8 hours of work.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current New Jersey certified educators and administrators with at least five years of experience in K-12 education who have taught financial literacy and/or consumer science, career and technical education and/or career readiness courses.</li><li>• One full-day meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025 (in-person, Trenton, NJ).</li><li>• Three 3-hour virtual meetings, on June 12, June 19, and July 8, 2025.</li><li>• Four asynchronous assignments approximating a total of 6-8 hours of work.</li></ul>

### Implementation Supports Committee

The implementation supports committee will include **up to 30 members** for each content review.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current educators appropriately certified to teach science in New Jersey public schools with at least five years of experience in teaching science in K-12 and instructional leaders with at least five years of experience in leading the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science.</li><li>• One full-day meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025 (in-person, Trenton, NJ).</li><li>• Three asynchronous assignments each approximating 4-6 hours of work.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Certified, currently employed or retired educators and administrators who have experience in teaching and/or supervising K-12 financial literacy and/or consumer science and career preparation courses.</li><li>• One full-day meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025 (in-person, Trenton, NJ).</li><li>• Three 3-hour virtual meetings on June 18, June 26, and July 10, 2025.</li><li>• Three asynchronous assignments approximating a total of 4-6 hours of work.</li></ul>

### College and Career Readiness Committee

The College and Career Readiness Committee for each content review will include **up to 30 members** from local school boards, higher education faculty, community groups, parents, students, and business and industry. Well-qualified candidates will have extensive knowledge of post-secondary outcomes for students. School counselors and career coaches may also apply.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One full-day meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025 (in-person, Trenton, NJ).</li><li>• Two 3-hour virtual meetings on July 17 and July 31, 2025.</li><li>• Two asynchronous tasks each approximating 4-6 hours of work.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two full-day virtual meetings on July 9 and July 15, 2025.</li><li>• One asynchronous assignment approximating 2-3 hours of work.</li></ul>

### How to Apply

Individuals interested in volunteering for the standards review process should complete the participation form no later than 9 a.m. on **May 12, 2025**. Previous committee participation does not preclude individuals from applying. Applicants may state their interest in participating on more than one committee if they have all the necessary qualifications.

If an applicant is actively employed by a Local Education Agency (LEA), they must obtain Chief School Administrator (CSA) approval by asking their CSA to complete the CSA Attestation by Monday, May 5, 2025. LEA employees will not be able to participate without CSA attestation.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee participation form: <a href="#">Science</a></li><li>• <a href="#">CSA Attestation Form (Science)</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee participation form: <a href="#">Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills</a></li><li>• <a href="#">CSA Attestation Form (CLKS)</a></li></ul>

Applicants will be notified of their selection and committee assignment(s) by email on or before May 12, 2025. Committee members will receive professional development hours for participation and committee meeting attendance.

#### Contact Information

For questions regarding the process, please contact the Office of Standards at [Standards@doe.nj.gov](mailto:Standards@doe.nj.gov) or [Science@doe.nj.gov](mailto:Science@doe.nj.gov).

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