



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: December 17, 2025

To: Local Educational Agency Leads

Route To: Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors, Instructional Coaches, Teachers

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Deadlines: January 8, 2026 for testimony in the Southern region  
January 22, 2026 for testimony in the Northern region  
January 29, 2026 for testimony in the Central region  
February 27, 2026 for public comment submission via email

**NJDOE Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Revisions to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills; Computer Science and Design Thinking; Science; Visual and Performing Arts; and World Languages**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1(a)4, the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) is required to review the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS). The Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills; Computer Science and Design Thinking; Science; Visual and Performing Arts; and World Languages NJSLS are currently open for review and readoption. The Department is committed to engaging stakeholders in collaborative efforts to ensure the NJSLS are rigorous, research-based, and prepare students to be college- and career-ready.

Educators from across the state worked collaboratively to develop the proposed revisions over the past year, and the Department now seeks broader stakeholder input to refine the proposed standards. These proposed NJSLS revisions can be found on the [State Board of Education’s webpage](#) for review. Presentations providing a broad overview of the process and specifics of each content area from the State Board of Education’s meetings in November and December 2025 can be found on the [State Board of Education 2025 agenda webpage](#).

The NJDOE welcomes stakeholder input through several opportunities and multiple platforms. Written feedback will be received though email at [NJSLSReview@doe.nj.gov](mailto:NJSLSReview@doe.nj.gov) until February 27, 2026. Public testimony and written comments will also be received at one of the three in-person meetings below:

<b>Southern Region</b>	<b>Northern Region</b>	<b>Central Region</b>
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Wednesday, January 28, 2026 6 p.m.–8 p.m.	Wednesday, February 4, 2026 1 p.m.–3 p.m.
Camden County College Connector Building Room 105, Civic Hall 200 College Drive Blackwood, NJ 08012 <a href="#">Register by 12 p.m., Jan. 8, 2026</a>	Essex County Donald M. Payne Jr. School of Technology Father Edwin D. Leahy Auditorium 498-544 West Market Street Newark, NJ 07107 <a href="#">Register by 12 p.m., Jan. 22, 2026</a>	New Jersey Department of Education Judge Robert L. Carter Building 100 River View Plaza Trenton, NJ 08625-0500 <a href="#">Register by 12 p.m., Jan. 29, 2026</a>

In order to provide public testimony at one of the three hearings, individuals must register to speak and provide a copy of the remarks at the time of attendance. Please visit the Office of the State Board of Education’s [webpage](#) to register to attend one or more of the three public hearings.

**Contact Information**

For questions regarding the public comment process, contact the State Board of Education at (609) 376-9071.

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