



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: June 11, 2025
To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors, Preschool Instructional Coaches, Teachers
From: Mickey Ronan Grosshtern, Executive Director
Division of Early Childhood Services
Deadline: June 18, 2025

NJDOE Seeks Input on New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards (NJPTLS)

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is committed to engaging stakeholders in collaborative efforts to ensure the New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards are rigorous, research-based, and appropriate to prepare students to be college- and career-ready.

To conduct a comprehensive review, the Division of Early Childhood Services seeks to establish a highly qualified and diverse group 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 two committees convened as part of the standards review process.

Committee Eligibility and Dates

Educators interested in serving on the Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards committee should reserve Monday, **June 30, 2025**, for a virtual orientation meeting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All meetings will be virtual. The two committees, the required qualifications, and mandatory time commitments are as follows:

Expert Review Committee

The Expert Review Committee will include **up to 10** experts for the content review. The NJDOE seeks committee members to participate in meetings in July, dates to be determined:

- Educators with advanced degrees in all content areas with preschool level experience or faculty with advanced degrees who teach early childhood education courses.

In addition, asynchronous assignments may be assigned as needed.

Draft Standards Writing Committee

The Draft Standards Writing Review Committee will include **up to 30** educators for each content review. The NJDOE seeks committee members to participate in meetings in August, dates to be determined:

The NJDOE seeks committee members as follows:

- Educators with advanced degrees in early childhood education, or an appropriate teaching endorsement or certification and at least five years' preschool related classroom experience.

In addition, asynchronous assignments may be assigned as needed.

How to Apply

Individuals interested in volunteering for the standards review process should complete the participation form **no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 18, 2025**. Previous committee participation does not preclude individuals from applying. Applicants may indicate interest in multiple committees if they possess all necessary qualifications for each; however, individuals will only be selected to serve on one committee based on their qualifications and committee needs.

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 Form linked below by Wednesday, June 18, 2025. LEA employees will not be able to participate without CSA attestation.

Please submit the [committee participation form](#) and [CSA attestation](#).

Applicants will be notified of their selection and committee assignment(s) by email on or before June 25, 2025.

Contact Information

For questions regarding the process, please contact the Office of Preschool Education at doeearlychild@doe.nj.gov.

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