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Preschool to Third Grade Early Education Program Resources

The New Jersey Department of Education has developed resources for early education program leaders, educators, and families in school districts operating P–3 education programs. The resources are a synthesis of current research, best practices, evolving understanding, and supplemental materials that align with New Jersey’s specific resources that support high–quality early childhood professionals and programs.

The newly developed core resource document and supplementary materials were developed in collaboration with the Region 4 Comprehensive Center (R4CC), funded by the United States Department of Education (USDE), and are titled: ***[P–3 Approaches to Learning: How Young Children Learn Principles for Use Across New Jersey’s Preschool through Third Grade \(P-3\) Teaching and Learning Continuum.](#)***

Young children in preschool, kindergarten, and the early elementary grades approach learning differently than older students. Therefore, this collection of resources contains specific information to assist early childhood educators, administrators, and families in supporting the unique needs of young learners.

All materials in the *P–3 Approaches to Learning* resources are anchored in expanded research and knowledge about the science of learning, child development, and developmentally appropriate practices. The key resource includes a unique set of New Jersey developmental learning principles to guide interactions, opportunities, and environments that help young children learn most effectively.

Resources will be regularly updated. Please visit the [Early Childhood Education website](#) for more information.

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