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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project
Lead Persons, Nonpublic School Administrators

Route to: High School Principals, High School Counselors, High School Teachers

From: Brian K. Bridges, Ph.D.
Secretary of Higher Education
State of New Jersey

Deadline: January 8, 2023, 11:59 p.m. (Drew University) and January 8, 2026, 11:59 p.m.
(Rutgers University–New Brunswick), respectively

Applications for the 2026 Governor's School of New Jersey

The selection process for the prestigious Governor's School of New Jersey has begun. The Office of the Secretary for Higher Education is inviting high school administrators across the State to identify high-achieving high school juniors to participate in a summer academic and STEM-focused summer residential program.

There will be two programs operating in 2026. The Governor's School of Engineering and Technology hosted at **Rutgers University–New Brunswick from July 6, 2026 to July 31, 2026**; and the Governor's School in the Sciences hosted at **Drew University from July 12, 2026 to August 1, 2026**.

The Governor's School is open to outstanding, high-achieving juniors who are selected by their high schools. School administrators play an instrumental role in identifying and encouraging potential applicants for these programs. **As always, this program is free of all tuition and fees.** The applications and information for the Governor's School in the Sciences and Governor's School of Engineering and Technology can be found at the following links:

- [The Governor's School in the Sciences \(GSS\) Application](#)
- [The Governor's School of Engineering and Technology \(GSET\) Application](#)

Please note that applications are due by 11: 59 p.m. on January 8, 2023 for both programs.

Note: High schools with up to 325 juniors may submit one application for each of the Governor's School programs. High schools that have between 326 and 650 juniors may nominate two applicants, for each of the two programs and high schools with 651 or more juniors may nominate three applicants for each program.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or programs, please contact the respective program administrators listed below:

- Governor's School in the Sciences: Dr. Adam Cassano at govschool@drew.edu.
- Governor's School of Engineering & Technology: Mr. Jean Patrick Antoine at gsetrutgers@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued interest and commitment to connecting students with supplementary academic enrichment opportunities.