



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction,  
Supervisors, Instructional Coaches, and Teachers  
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## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) Learning Lounge Fall Series

The New Jersey Department of Education is excited to continue the NJSLS Learning Lounge series with a dynamic lineup of virtual professional learning sessions for Fall 2025. These interactive offerings are designed to elevate instructional practice, foster statewide collaboration, and provide actionable strategies aligned to the NJSLS.

This season's sessions spotlight timely and impactful topics designed to support educators in delivering high-quality instruction. Highlights include:

- Civics education that fosters student engagement in democratic principles as New Jersey commemorates its role in the American Revolution.
- Disciplinary literacy strategies for deeper content understanding across diverse content areas.
- Elementary data literacy, empowering educators to build foundational skills in data interpretation and mathematical reasoning.
- Gifted and talented education essentials, including identification basics and strategies to support the unique needs of gifted readers.
- Health and physical education focused on student well-being.
- Inclusive science instruction for multilingual learners and students with disabilities, focused on creating supportive environments that foster access, engagement, and a sense of belonging.
- World languages instructional design, leadership, and collaboration, featuring Integrated Performance Assessments (IPAs) and peer-supported problem-solving.

These sessions offer practical tools and fresh ideas for educators at every level—whether teaching in classrooms, supporting instruction, or leading district initiatives—to strengthen their practice and connect with colleagues across New Jersey.

All sessions are offered virtually at no cost to participants, though registration is required due to limited capacity per session. Interested participants can register through the [NJDOE Calendar of Events](#) by searching for “Lounge” to view and select available sessions. Registration closes when capacity is reached or one day before the session.

### Contact information

For questions about the NJSLS Learning Lounge, please contact [Standards@doe.nj.gov](mailto:Standards@doe.nj.gov).

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