



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: April 22, 2026

To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: District Directors of Special Education and Pupil Services, Building Administrators, District Supervisors of Special Education, All District Principals, Assistant/Vice Principals, Child Study Teams, and Teachers

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Deadline: May 22, 2026

Call for Applicants for the New Jersey Preschool Inclusive Education Project (NJPIEP)

Background

The New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education (OSE), in partnership with Montclair State University's Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health, invites districts to apply for the New Jersey Preschool Inclusive Education Project (NJPIEP) for the 2026–2027 school year.

NJPIEP is a multi-year initiative designed to support districts in expanding and strengthening inclusive preschool programs for students with disabilities through leadership development, coaching, and job-embedded professional learning. Participating district teams will receive targeted support to build sustainable systems that promote inclusive practices, collaborative teamwork, and meaningful family engagement.

This project provides districts with the structure, guidance, and coaching necessary to develop high-quality inclusive preschool programs where students with and without disabilities learn and grow together.

The deadline for Systemic Change applications is May 22, 2026. There are separate applications for State Funded Preschool Districts as well as Preschool Districts without State funding. All are encouraged to apply.

For more information and to submit your application, please refer to the following links:

[NJPIEP 26-27 Application Funded Sites](#)

[NJPIEP 26-27 Application Non-Funded Sites](#)

Space is limited, and early application is encouraged. Districts are advised to review the available offerings carefully and apply for the option that best aligns with their professional needs.

Contact Information

For additional information or assistance, please email OSEInfo@doe.nj.gov.