



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

**Date:** April 8, 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, Teachers

**From:** Kimberly A. Murray, Ed.D., Acting Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Educational Services

## 2026-2027 New Teacher Academy Professional Learning Communities

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Office of Special Education (OSE) is pleased to invite early-career educators in their first through third year of teaching to apply to one of the four New Teacher Academy (NTA) offerings listed below. Accepted applicants will join their NTA’s professional learning community (PLC), starting with an in-person summer academy and continuing with virtual meetings throughout the academic year to provide ongoing support and foster professional growth.

Guided by the theme, “**Building Strong Starts, Creating Lasting Impact,**” this year’s NTA offerings reflect OSE’s continued commitment to fostering professional growth, collaboration, and long-term success for educators serving students with disabilities. Each NTA offers high-quality, research-based professional learning experiences featuring engaging, hands-on activities tailored to a variety of educational settings. To make the most of this valuable opportunity, accepted applicants will be required to attend all in-person and virtual sessions.

Space is limited, and early application is encouraged. Please review the offerings below and apply for the one that best fits your professional needs.

**Table 1. New Teacher Academy Series Offerings and Details**

Description	Location	Meeting Dates	Application and/or Website Link
The NJDOE OSE, in collaboration with William Paterson University, is proud to host its 1st annual NTA at the LRC-NS, designed to support and strengthen <b>early career educators teaching grades K-12</b>	Learning Resource Center- <b>North Satellite</b> 1600 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 07470	<b>In-Person,</b> <b>9 a.m. - 2 p.m.</b> August 4, 2026 August 5, 2026 <b>Virtual, 4 - 5 p.m.</b> Oct. 8, 2026 Dec. 10, 2026 March 11, 2027 May 13, 2027	<a href="#">LRC-NS School-age NTA 2026 Application</a>  <a href="#">LRC-NS WPU NTA Website</a>

Description	Location	Meeting Dates	Application and/or Website Link
<p>The NJDOE OSE is pleased to announce its second annual NTA at the LRC-C, designed to support and strengthen <b>early career educators teaching grade K-12</b></p>	<p>Learning Resource Center- <b>Central</b> 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08625</p>	<p><b>In-Person,</b> <b>8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.</b> July 28, 2026 July 29, 2026 <b>Virtual, 4 - 5 p.m.</b> Oct. 8, 2026 Dec. 10, 2026 March 11, 2027 May 13, 2027</p>	<p><a href="#">LRC-Central School-age NTA 2026 Application</a></p> <p><a href="#">LRC-Central NTA Website</a></p>
<p>The NJDOE OSE, in collaboration with Montclair State University's New Jersey Preschool Inclusive Education Project (NJPIEP), is proud to introduce the inaugural Preschool NTA at LRC-C, designed to support and strengthen <b>early career educators teaching preschool</b></p>	<p>Learning Resource Center- <b>Central</b> 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08625</p>	<p><b>In-Person,</b> <b>9 a.m. - 2 p.m.</b> July 22, 2026 July 23, 2026 <b>Virtual,</b> <b>12:30 - 1:30 p.m.</b> Oct. 8, 2026 Dec. 10, 2026 March 11, 2027 May 13, 2027</p>	<p><a href="#">LRC-Central Preschool NTA 2026 Application</a></p> <p><a href="#">LRC-Central NTA Website</a></p>
<p>In collaboration with teacher leaders from previous cohorts, the LRC-South is proud to welcome Cohort 7 of its annual NTA PLC, designed to support and strengthen <b>all early-career educators</b></p>	<p>Learning Resource Center- <b>South</b> at Rowan University (201 Mullica Hill Rd, Glassboro, NJ 08028)</p>	<p><b>In-Person,</b> <b>8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.</b> Aug. 11, 2026 Aug. 12, 2026 Aug. 13, 2026  <b>Virtual,</b> <b>6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</b> Third Wednesdays (Sept. - June)</p>	<p><a href="#">LRC-South NTA Website</a></p>

**Contact information:** For additional information or help, please email [OSEInfo@doe.nj.gov](mailto:OSEInfo@doe.nj.gov).