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Dear Local Educational Agency Leads and Nonpublic School Administrators,

The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) is now accepting applications from pre-K through 12 teachers for the New Jersey Teacher Loan Redemption Program. This program aims to bolster our state's educator workforce by offering teachers up to \$20,000 in student loan relief in exchange for teaching a high-need subject in an eligible school for up to four years.

Among other criteria, teachers must have been hired on or after January 18, 2022, live in New Jersey, and teach one of the following subjects:

- English as a Second Language
- Mathematics
- World Languages
- Science
- Special Education
- Career and Technical Education

A list of the eligible pre-K through 12 schools in which an applicant must teach is available [here](#).

Applications are being accepted now through 11:59 pm ET on September 30, 2026. The service period for participants approved under the current round of applications will begin in the 2026-2027 academic year.

HESAA encourages you to notify any applicable teachers within eligible schools about this program. The application and more information about the New Jersey Teacher Loan Redemption Program can be found [here](#).

Thank you,

Jerry Traino  
Acting Executive Director