



# 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, Curriculum Supervisors, Visual and Performing Arts Supervisors, Arts Educators  
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## Visual and Performing Arts Education Survey Resources

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is conducting the Visual and Performing Arts Education Survey to measure arts course offerings, student participation, dedicated arts resources, district policy, instructional support, and the extent to which community assets are utilized in New Jersey's schools. This is the fifth time this survey has been conducted (2006, 2011, 2016, 2021). It is part of a broader Arts Education Census Project, a collaborative partnership between the NJDOE, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Arts Ed New Jersey, and Quadrant Research.

The 2026 Visual and Performing Arts Education Survey is accessible online through the NJDOE's [Homeroom](#) webpage. The submission window will close on February 28, 2026.

### Key Steps/Actions

Arts Ed NJ has created a video tutorial and resources to assist school and district staff in completing the survey. These resources are available on Arts Ed NJ's [Census Project](#) website. The NJDOE will provide office hours on February 3 and February 10 to further assist school and district staff with completing the survey.

Please use the following registration links to attend the office hours:

[February 3, 10-11 a.m.](#)  
[February 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m.](#)

### Contact Information

Please send questions to [vparts@doe.nj.gov](mailto:vparts@doe.nj.gov).

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