



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

**Date:** July 22, 2026

**To:** Local Educational Agency Leads

**Route To:** Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors, Instructional Coaches, Teachers, and Community Partners

**From:** Jorden Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Teaching and Learning Services

**Deadline:** September 18, 2026

## **Seeking Input on Implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Computer Science & Design Thinking, Visual and Performing Arts, and World Languages**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. § 6A:8-2.1, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is required to review the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Computer Science and Design Thinking (CS&DT), Visual and Performing Arts (VPA), and World Languages (WL). The NJDOE is committed to engaging stakeholders in collaborative efforts to ensure the revised standards are rigorous, research-based, and appropriate for preparing students to be college- and career-ready. As part of the required review and revision process, the NJDOE seeks to engage stakeholders in supporting the implementation of the revised standards and examining their alignment with college, career, and civic readiness expectations.

To support these efforts, the Division of Teaching and Learning Services seeks to establish diverse committees of highly qualified volunteers representing a broad range of stakeholders. A self-nomination process will be used to identify educators, content experts, and other qualified stakeholders to serve on one of two committees for each content area, based on candidate qualifications and experience.

### **Committee Purpose, Eligibility, and Meeting Dates**

#### *Implementation Committees*

The Implementation Committees will include **up to 40 educators** for each content area. Committee members will review the proposed revised standards, identify implementation opportunities and challenges, and provide recommendations to inform the development of professional learning resources, instructional supports, implementation guidance, and other materials that support successful statewide implementation. All meetings will be conducted virtually.

#### *Eligibility: Implementation Committees*

Practicing, appropriately certified educators with at least five years of teaching experience in the content area within New Jersey's K-12 public schools, and instructional leaders with at least five

years' experience in leading the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

#### *College- and Career-Readiness Committees (CCR)*

The College- and Career-Readiness Committees for each content area will include **up to 40 members** representing local school boards, higher education, community organizations, students and families, business and industry, and other stakeholder groups. Committee members will review the proposed revised standards through the lens of postsecondary education, workforce expectations, and career pathways, and provide feedback regarding their alignment with college, career, and civic readiness expectations.

#### *Eligibility: CCR Committees*

Well-qualified candidates will have extensive knowledge of postsecondary outcomes for students. School counselors and career coaches may apply.

#### **Meeting Dates**

##### *Computer Science and Design Thinking*

| <b>Implementation Committee</b>          | <b>College- and Career-Readiness Committee</b> |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| October 20, 2026 (9 a.m.–3 p.m.)         | October 20, 2026 (9 a.m.–3 p.m.)               |
| October 27, 2026 (3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) | November 10, 2026 (3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.)        |

##### *Visual and Performing Arts*

| <b>Implementation Committee*</b>  | <b>College- and Career-Readiness Committee*</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| October 15, 2026 (9 a.m.–3 p.m.)  | October 15, 2026 (9 a.m.–3 p.m.)                |
| October 22, 2026 (9 a.m.–12 p.m.) | November 12, 2026 (9 a.m.–12 p.m.)              |
| October 29, 2026 (9 a.m.–12 p.m.) |                                                 |

\*Additional meetings may be scheduled based on committee member feedback.

##### *World Languages*

| <b>Implementation Committee*</b>  | <b>College- and Career-Readiness Committee*</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| October 13, 2026 (9 a.m.–3 p.m.)  | October 13, 2026 (9 a.m.–3 p.m.)                |
| October 20, 2026 (9 a.m.–12 p.m.) | November 10, 2026 (9 a.m.–12 p.m.)              |
| October 27, 2026 (9 a.m.–12 p.m.) |                                                 |

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#### **How to Apply**

Individuals interested in volunteering for these opportunities should complete the participation form no later than 11:59 p.m. on **September 18, 2026**. Applicants actively employed by a Local Education Agency (LEA) must obtain approval from their Chief School Administrator (CSA), who must complete the CSA attestation form linked within the participation form. LEA employees will not be able to participate without CSA attestation. If there are any issues with uploading the CSA attestation, it can be emailed by following the instructions in the participation form.

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|                               | <b>Computer Science,<br/>Innovation, &amp;<br/>Society</b> | <b>Visual and<br/>Performing Arts</b>                | <b>World Languages</b>                              |
| <b>Participation<br/>Form</b> | <a href="#">CSIS Committee<br/>Participation Form</a>      | <a href="#">VPA Committee<br/>Participation Form</a> | <a href="#">WL Committee<br/>Participation Form</a> |

Applicants will be notified of their selection and committee assignment(s) by email on or before **September 29, 2026**.

#### **Contact Information**

For questions regarding Computer Science, Innovation, and Society, contact the Office of Innovation at [innovation@doe.nj.gov](mailto:innovation@doe.nj.gov). For questions regarding Visual and Performing Arts or World Languages, contact the Office of Standards at [vparts@doe.nj.gov](mailto:vparts@doe.nj.gov) or [worldlang@doe.nj.gov](mailto:worldlang@doe.nj.gov).