



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: July 29, 2026
To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors
From: Jorden Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
Division of Teaching and Learning Services
Deadline: See Below

Technical Assistance: Cursive Handwriting Instruction

The Office of Standards will offer technical assistance sessions for administrators focused on the Cursive Handwriting Act [P.L. 2025, c.284](#). As detailed in the [NJDOE Broadcast February 11, 2026](#), this legislation requires public schools to provide instruction in cursive handwriting for students in grades three through five, beginning with the 2026–2027 school year.

The Office of Standards will provide three technical assistance sessions to support districts as they incorporate cursive handwriting instruction into their curricula for grades three through five.

Technical Assistance sessions (Register on the [NJDOE Calendar of Events](#).)

- August 11, 2026 (Tuesday) 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- August 20, 2026 (Thursday) 2 – 3 p.m.
- August 24, 2026 (Monday) 1 – 2 p.m.

Contact Information

Questions may be directed to the NJDOE's Office of Standards at Standards@doe.nj.gov.