



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

**Date:** May 20, 2026  
**To:** Local Educational Agency Leads  
**Route To:** Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors, Preschool Instructional Coaches, Teachers  
**From:** Katrina T. McCombs, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Early Childhood Services  
**Deadline:** July 31, 2026, 4 p.m.

## Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards Public Comment and Subsequent Curriculum Alignment Review

The New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) draft 2026 New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards (NJPTLS) are currently open for public comment. **The comment window closes on July 31, 2026, at 4 p.m.** During this formal period, written feedback is invited from:

- Educators and administrators;
- School districts and early childhood providers;
- Parents and families;
- Advocacy organizations; and
- Members of the general public.

The proposed revised Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards can be found on the State Board of Education's webpage ([official version](#) and [unofficial version](#)). Comments may be emailed to [NJPTLSreview@doe.nj.gov](mailto:NJPTLSreview@doe.nj.gov).

### Curriculum Alignment

Following adoption of the 2026 NJPTLS, the NJDOE will review comprehensive curricula for alignment in early 2027. All curricula, including current versions identified as aligned to the 2014 NJPTLS, will be subject to review.

For questions regarding the process, please contact the Office of Preschool Education Programs at [doeearlychild@doe.nj.gov](mailto:doeearlychild@doe.nj.gov).