



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, Instructional Coaches, Teachers
From: Jorden Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
Division of Teaching and Learning Services
Deadline: June 30, 2026

Seeking Input on New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs) for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (CHPE) and Social Studies (SS)

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. § 6A:13-2.1, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is required to review 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (CHPE) and Social Studies (SS). The NJDOE is committed to engaging stakeholders in collaborative efforts to ensure the standards are rigorous, research-based and appropriate to prepare students to be college- and career-ready.

To conduct this comprehensive review, the Division of Teaching and Learning Services seeks to establish a highly qualified and diverse committee of volunteers with broad stakeholder representation. A self-nomination process will be used to identify educators, content experts, and other qualified stakeholders to serve on one of two committees convened as part of the standards review process, based on candidate qualifications and experience.

This is a second call for input for participation on the implementation and college- and career-readiness committees.

Committee Eligibility and Dates

The details regarding the Comprehensive Health and Physical Education and Social Studies implementation and college- and career-readiness committees, the required qualifications, and mandatory time commitments are as follows:

Implementation Committee

Virtual meeting times will be determined based on surveys of the participants. The Implementation Committee will include up to 40 educators. The NJDOE seeks committee members to participate in meetings scheduled as follows:

- **Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (CHPE):** Practicing appropriately certified educators with at least five years of experience in teaching comprehensive health and physical education in K-12 in New Jersey public schools; and instructional leaders with at least five years

of experience in leading the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education and who possess teaching experience in the content area.

| Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Implementation Meeting Dates |
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| July 27, 2026 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.), in person at NJDOE in Trenton |
| August 4, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) |
| August 11, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) |
| August 17, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) |
| August 25, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) |

In addition, asynchronous assignments approximating a total of 10 hours of work will be assigned as needed.

- Social Studies (SS):** Practicing appropriately certified educators with at least five years of experience in teaching social studies in K-12 in New Jersey public schools; and instructional leaders with at least five years of experience in leading the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Social Studies and who possess teaching experience in the content area.

| Social Studies Implementation Meeting Dates |
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| July 29, 2026 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.), in person at NJDOE in Trenton |
| August 5, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) |
| August 12, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) |
| August 18, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) |
| August 26, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) |

In addition, asynchronous assignments approximating a total of 10 hours of work will be assigned as needed.

College- and Career-Readiness Committee (CCR)

Virtual meeting times will be determined based on surveys of the participants. The College and Career Readiness Committee for each content area will include **up to 40 members** from local school boards, higher education faculty, community groups, parents and students, and business and industry. Well-qualified candidates will have extensive knowledge of post-secondary outcomes for students. School counselors and career coaches may apply.

| Comprehensive Health and Physical Education CCR Meeting Dates | Social Studies CCR Meeting Dates |
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| August 6, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) | August 7, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) |
| August 12, 2026 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.), in person at NJDOE in Trenton | August 13, 2026 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.), in person at NJDOE in Trenton |
| August 18, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) | August 19, 2026 (3-hour virtual meeting) |

How to Apply

Individuals interested in volunteering for the standards review process should complete the participation form no later than 11:59 p.m. on **June 30, 2026**. Previous committee participation

does not preclude individuals from applying. If you have previously applied to participate, there is no need to reapply. Applicants actively employed by a Local Education Agency (LEA), must obtain Chief School Administrator (CSA) approval by asking their CSA to complete the CSA Attestation Form linked below by **June 30, 2026**. LEA employees will not be able to participate without CSA attestation.

Please select the appropriate committee participation form and CSA attestation form below:

| Comprehensive Health and Physical Education | Social Studies |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CHPE Committee Participation Form• CHPE Chief School Administrator Attestation Form | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SS Committee Participation Form• SS Chief School Administrator Attestation Form |

Applicants will be notified of their selection and committee assignment(s) by email on or before **July 17, 2026**.

Contact Information

For questions regarding the process, please contact the Office of Standards at CHPE@doe.nj.gov or SocialStudies@doe.nj.gov.