

**Notice of Adoption Regarding Readoption with Amendments
of N.J.A.C. 6A:9C, Professional Development**

The following is the accessible version of the notice of adoption for the
readoption with amendments of N.J.A.C. 6A:9C.

Education

State Board of Education

Professional Development Rules

Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 6A:9C

Adopted New Rules: N.J.A.C. 6A:9C-4.5 and 4.6

Proposed: December 19, 2022, at 54 N.J.R. 2352(a).

Adopted: April 5, 2023, by the New Jersey State Board of Education, Angelica Allen-McMillan, Ed.D, Acting Commissioner, Department of Education, Acting Secretary, State Board of Education.

Filed: April 6, 2023, as R.2023 d.062, **without change**.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1, 18A:4-15, 18A:6-34 and 38, and 18A:26-2.7 and 10; and P.L. 2012, c. 11.

Effective Dates: April 6, 2023, Readoption;
 May 1, 2023, Amendments and New Rules.

Expiration Date: April 6, 2030.

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

The following is a summary of the comments received from members of the public and the Department of Education's (Department) responses. Each commenter is identified at the end of the comment by a number that corresponds to the following list:

1. Elisabeth Yucis, Associate Director, Professional Development and Instructional Issues, New Jersey Education Association
2. Scott T. McCue, Superintendent, Eatontown Public Schools
3. Dr. David Aderhold, Superintendent of Schools, West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District, and John "Kenyon" Kummings, Superintendent of

Schools, Wildwood City School District, on behalf of the New Jersey Association
of School Administrators' Recruitment and Retention Committee

1. Comment: The commenter expressed support for the proposed update to the standards for professional learning at N.J.A.C. 6A:9C-3.3(a)1, 2, and 3 and the standard's alignment to the model Learning Forward standards. (1)

Response: The Department thanks the commenter for the support.

2. Comment: The commenter requested that the Department revisit the [list of mandatory trainings for staff](#) due to the amount of time, energy, and expense that school districts must dedicate to satisfy the requirements each year. (2)

Response: The Department thanks the commenter for the suggestion. However, the professional development requirements listed on the Department's website and updated in 2020, go beyond the core requirements for professional development planning and implementation set forth at N.J.A.C. 6A:9C. The professional development list originates from the numerous State statutes identified in the list of mandatory trainings, and the Department does not have the authority to modify the requirements.

3. Comment: The commenter requested that the Department revisit AchieveNJ and other professional development requirements and streamline them into a common-sense process that removes redundancies. (3)

Response: The Department disagrees that there are redundancies in the professional development requirements at N.J.A.C. 6A:9C and the commenters did not provide examples to adequately respond. The comment about AchieveNJ is outside the scope of this rulemaking because N.J.A.C. 6A:10 sets forth the rules related to educator evaluation.

Federal Standards Statement

The rules readopted with amendments and new rules will further align New Jersey's regulations with Federal requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95) and ensure New Jersey's public school system prepares students for postsecondary education and the 21st century workplace. The rules readopted with amendments and new rules are in compliance with both Federal regulations and State statutes.

Full text of the readopted rules can be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 6A:9C.

Full text of the adopted amendments and new rules follows:

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