# Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **What are the New Jersey Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines?**

The New Jersey Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines is a guidance document that is intended to advance a comprehensive and seamless P–3 educational continuum in New Jersey’s school districts. The guidelines feature key topics that explain what needs to be in place to ensure a high-quality kindergarten program within a district, school building, and classroom​.

1. **Are the Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines mandated?**

No, the guidelines are not mandated. However, school districts are strongly encouraged to use these guidelines as a springboard for discussion, action planning, and ensuring that kindergarten is a developmentally appropriate place for teaching and learning in New Jersey’s preschool through grade twelve education system. ​

1. **Who should use the Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines?**

The guidelines are for administrators, teachers, instructional coaches, and families to meet the needs of all learners.

1. **How often are the Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines updated?**

The guidelines are updated to reflect the most current research and developmentally appropriate best practices in kindergarten. The guidelines may be updated or revised at any time.

1. **Are there other guidelines for other grades available?**

Please visit the P–3 Alignment tab to see updated guidelines.

1. **Who wrote the Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines?**

Contributions to the guidelines have come from multiple internal and external early childhood experts. The guidelines reflect the work of early childhood professionals across the state bringing current research and best practices together in one usable document.

1. **How can the information in the Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines be used to support learning at home?**

Guidance on parent, family, and community engagement can be found in the *Appendix.* Guiding principles are outlined in the *Appendix* that include parent and family engagement as a systemic component of a kindergarten program.

1. **Are there resources available within the Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines?**

The guidelines include extensive citations and reference lists to support educators and parents and families with age appropriate and developmentally appropriate resources.

1. **Are the Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines available in any other languages other than English?**

Not at this time.

1. **How can the PowerPoint on the Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines be used?**

The information can be used during school/district professional development or within professional learning communities. The information can be turn-keyed so others will be able to discuss and implement sections one through three of the guidelines.

1. **Where can additional professional development opportunities be found?**

All New Jersey Department of Education professional development opportunities are on the [NJDOE Calendar of Events page](https://www.nj.gov/education/events/).