



Advisory Regional Meetings on Next Generation Science Standards

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The New Jersey Department of Education has scheduled three regional meetings to allow public discussion and comment about what students in grades K-12 should know and be able to do in the content area of science.

Members of New Jersey's education community and the general public are encouraged to participate in the regional sessions, which will be held on the following dates and locations:

Monday, March 10, 2014 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Richard Stockton College, Campus Center Theater, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ
Tuesday, March 11, 2014 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, 12 Centre Drive, Monroe Township, NJ
Thursday, March 13, 2014 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Kean University, STEM Building, STEM and Liberty Campus, 1 Elizabethtown Plaza, Union, NJ
Monday, March 17, 2014 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Webinar
Friday, March 21, 2014 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Webinar

Pre-registration is required and can be done on the [Calendar of Events webpage](#).

Comments can also be sent to the Department of Education via email at: science@doe.nj.gov

In addition to the regional discussion sessions, two hour-long webinars have been scheduled at 9 a.m. Monday, March 17; and at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 21. People interested in participating must register on the Calendar of Events webpage: <https://homeroom5.doe.state.nj.us/events/all>

These meetings will inform whether the Department will propose adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) to the State Board of Education later this year. These standards were developed through a collaborative effort among 26 states, including New Jersey. The project was managed by Achieve, an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit education reform organization that works with states to raise academic standards and graduation requirements, improve assessments, and strengthen accountability. NGSS is based on the Framework for K-12 Science Education, which was developed by the National Research Council.

Information about NGSS can be found the following site: <http://www.nextgenscience.org>