



State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Discussion Resolution
January 8, 2020

Resolution to Adopt New Jersey Student Learning Standards

Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education is empowered, pursuant to P. L. 1990, c. 52, P. L. 1991, c. 3 and P. L. 1991, c. 62, with the authority to establish the State's educational goals and standards, and

Whereas, the State Board of Education is responsible under N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1(a)5 for initiating every five years a review and readoption process for the New Jersey Student Learning Standards based on recommendations by the Commissioner of Education; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Student Learning Standards define the knowledge and skills students should acquire within their kindergarten through grade 12 education careers to graduate high school with the ability to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs; and

Whereas, the State Board of Education reviewed the seven revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards, to ensure that the standards both set expectations for and meet the needs of New Jersey's students, and

Whereas, kindergarten through grade 12 educators, representatives from higher education, business, industry and stakeholders statewide have provided focused expertise in reviewing the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Visual and Performing Arts, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Technology, World Languages, and 21st Century Life and Careers; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Education has fully considered the recommendations of the Standards Review Committees, revised the standards accordingly, and now presents them to the State Board of Education for review and adoption; and

Whereas, extensive public input was sought through regional testimony sessions, written comments, and feedback submitted through the New Jersey Department of Education's website; and

Whereas, the readoption of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Science will prepare students with the knowledge, skills, and practices necessary to innovate and thrive in high demand, high paying careers in STEM fields; and

Whereas, revisions to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Visual and Performing Arts reflect the knowledge, skills and practices necessary to develop creativity, critical thinking, and expressive skills to become active, contributing members of a global society; and

Whereas, revisions to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Standards reflect new legislative mandates and the knowledge, skills, and practices necessary to develop physical, social, and emotional wellness; and

Whereas, revisions to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Social Studies Standards reflect the knowledge, practices, and skills necessary to become active, informed citizens and contributing members of local, state, national, and global communities; and

Whereas, revisions to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Technology Standards reflect the knowledge, practices, and skills necessary to adapt to evolving technologies, engage in design thinking, and understand the principles of computer science; and

Whereas, revisions to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – World Languages Standards reflect the knowledge, practices, and skills necessary to communicate in more than one language interacting with people from diverse cultures and linguistic backgrounds; and

Whereas, revisions to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – 21st Century Life and Careers Standards reflect the knowledge, practices, and skills necessary to think critically, collaborate, innovate, develop goals strategically, be financially literate, and thrive in globally and culturally diverse environments; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Student Learning Standards provides the foundation for high expectations and rigorous curriculum, instruction, and assessment for every student; and now therefore be it

Resolved, the State Board of Education hereby directs school districts to integrate the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Visual and Performing Arts, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Technology, World Languages, and 21st Century Life and Careers in kindergarten through grade 12; and be it further

Resolved, the State Board of Education hereby directs that the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Visual and Performing Arts, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, Technology, World Languages, and 21st Century Life and Careers will serve as standards of quality for public school students in grades Kindergarten – 12 and programs in New Jersey; and be it further

Resolved, beginning in September 2020 district boards of education shall fully comply with this directive and shall implement the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards, align their curricula with the standards according to the implementation schedule established by the New Jersey Department of Education, and ensure all students learn and are assessed as required by federal law; and be it further

Resolved, the State Board of Education commends and expresses their appreciation to the individuals and organizations, both within the State and beyond its borders, who have contributed to this revision of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

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