

# New Jersey Department of Education



## Early Childhood Education Landscape in New Jersey

Division of Early Childhood Services

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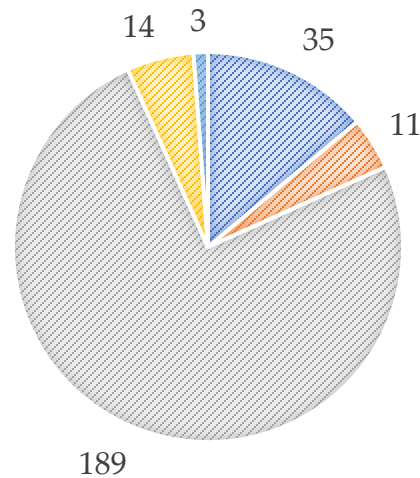




Provides technical assistance, professional development, plan and budget review to 252 school districts receiving state aid.

## NUMBER OF DISTRICTS

■ Abbott ■ Charter Schools ■ Preschool Expansion ■ ECPA ■ ELLI





- Preschool enrollment by year.

Fiscal Year	Number of Preschool Students (prior to expansion)
FY2014	50,529
FY2015	50,987
FY2016	51,217
FY2017	50,724
FY2018	50,730
FY2019	51,896
FY2020	58,439
FY2021	63,077
FY2022	64,725
FY2023	67,392





# Preschool Education - Professional Development



## Administrator Seminar:

- Bimonthly meetings with the early childhood contact from school districts
- Four regional meetings per topic/session

## Preschool Instructional Coaches (PIC) Seminar:

- New PIC are provided 3 cohorts with 22 participants in each group
- Sessions are held from October-June with a total of 11 meetings
- Veteran PICs attend 3 meetings over the course of the year- which are topic specific (literacy, math, reflective coaching)





## Community Parent Involvement Specialist Workshop Series:

- Each series has three meeting dates/topics which focus on:
  - Roles and responsibility;
  - The development of early childhood advisory councils; and,
  - Family engagement.
- 25 participants per session



# Preschool Education - current and future focus



## Current Focus:

- Preparation of fiscal year 2024 Notice of Opportunity for preschool expansion
- Review of New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards
- Department visits to districts offering preschool

## Future Focus:

- 2022-2023 Self Assessment Validations System (SAVS) reviews
- Additional professional development sessions designed for nurses serving preschool and fiscal specialists





# K-3 Education – Professional Development

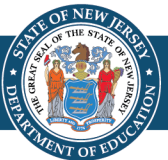


**Early Mathematics, K-3 developmentally appropriate best practices:**

- Leadership Consortium
- K-3 Educators
- Early Learning Network Improvement Community - Council of Chief State School Officers and New Jersey Department of Education

## **Instructional K-3 Coaches' Consortium**

- 3 State-wide virtual sessions





# K-3 Education – current and future foci



## Guidance and Resources:

- K-3 SAVS (Self-Assessment Validation System)
- Kindergarten Entry Assessment Guidance
- Updating Kindergarten and Grades 1-3 Guidelines

## District Visits:

- Focused on Kindergarten half to full-day programs
- Early mathematics instruction





## Interdepartmental

- Office of Special Education
- Office of Bilingual Education
- Office of Comprehensive Supports
- Office of Standards
- McKinney Vento
- Division of Field Support and Services
- Division of Finance and Business Services

## Intradepartmental

- New Jersey Department of Human Services (Grow NJ Kids)
- New Jersey Department of Agriculture (School Lunch and Child And Adult Food Program)
- New Jersey Department of Children and Families (Child Care licensing)
- New Jersey Department of Health



# Thank You!



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