



State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Discussion Resolution
April 5, 2023

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 two 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 in English Language Arts and Mathematics; 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 and thoughtfully considered through regional testimony sessions, written comments, and feedback submitted through the New Jersey Department of Education's website; and

Whereas, revisions to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – English Language Arts reflect the knowledge, practices, and skills necessary to build readers, writers, and communicators prepared to meet the demands of college and career and to engage as productive global citizens; and

Whereas, revisions to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Mathematics reflect the knowledge, practices, and skills necessary for students to engage in mathematical investigation, communication and problem solving to prepare for the next generation for the jobs their world will demand; and

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

Resolved, the State Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the Standards both set expectations for and meet the needs of New Jersey’s students and by adoption of this resolution hereby directs school districts to integrate the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics, 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 in English Language Arts and Mathematics will serve as standards of quality for public school students in kindergarten through grade 12 programs in New Jersey; and be it further

Resolved, district boards of education shall fully comply with this resolution and shall implement the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics by September 2024, align their curricula with the standards, and ensure 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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