



State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Adoption Resolution
June 3, 2026**

Resolution to Adopt the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Science

Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education is empowered, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-10, 18A:7C-1, and 18A:7F-4.2 and 46, with the authority to establish the State's educational goals and standards; and

Whereas, the State Board of Education is responsible, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-46.a and N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1(a), for initiating every five years a review and readoption process for the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and the Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards based on recommendations by the Commissioner of Education; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and the New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards define the knowledge, and skills that students need to acquire within their preschool through grade 12 education careers to graduate high school prepared for college and career, success in life, and work in an economy driven by information, knowledge, and innovation; and

Whereas, the Standards Review Committee comprised of 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–Science; and

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

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

Whereas, extensive public input was sought and thoughtfully considered through regional testimony sessions and written comments; and now therefore be it

Resolved, that the adoption of the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards–Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Computer Science and Design Thinking, Social Studies, Visual and Performing Arts, and World Languages and the New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards will be addressed in a separate resolution; and be it further

Resolved, the State Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the New Jersey Student Learning Standards both set expectations for, and meets 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–Science 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–Science will serve as standards of quality for public school students in kindergarten through grade 12 programs in New Jersey; and be it further

Resolved, that district boards of education shall fully comply with this resolution by implementing the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards–Science and aligning their curricula with the revised standards by September 2026; and be it further

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

Dr. Lily Laux, Commissioner
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education

Kathy Goldenberg, President
N.J. State Board of Education