

**Resolution to Adopt New Jersey Student Learning Standards and
Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards**

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State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution
October 7, 2026

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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, 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 ***New Jersey*** Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards based on recommendations by the Commissioner of Education; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Student Learning Standards — [[Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills, Computer Science and Design Thinking, Science,]] Visual and Performing Arts[[,]] and World Languages and the New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards — together with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards — ***Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills,** * Comprehensive Health and Physical Education*, **Computer Science and Design Thinking,** * and Social Studies that will be the subject of [[a]] separate [[resolution]] ***resolutions*** and the recently adopted and implemented New Jersey Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts, [[and Math]] ***Mathematics, and Science*** — define the knowledge, and skills 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, preschool through grade 12 educators, representatives from higher education, business, industry, and stakeholders Statewide have provided focused expertise in reviewing the ***New Jersey*** Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards — [[Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills, Computer Science and Design Thinking, Science,]] Visual and Performing Arts[[,]] and World Languages; and

Whereas, the State Board of Education reviewed both the revised ***New Jersey*** Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards — [[Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills, Computer Science and Design Thinking, Science,]] Visual and Performing Arts[[,]] and World Languages, to ensure that the standards both set expectations for, and meet the needs of, New Jersey's students; 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 now therefore be it

Resolved, the State Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the New Jersey Student Learning 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 both the ***New Jersey*** Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards — [[Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills, Computer Science and Design Thinking, Science,]] Visual and Performing Arts [[,]] and World Languages in preschool through grade 12; and be it further

Resolved, the State Board of Education hereby directs that the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards — [[Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills, Computer Science and Design Thinking, Science,]] Visual and Performing Arts[[,]] and World Languages will serve as standards of quality for public school students in kindergarten through grade 12 programs in New Jersey; and be it further

Resolved, the State Board of Education hereby directs that the revised ***New Jersey*** Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards will serve as standards of quality for students in State-funded preschool 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 — Science by September 2026, and implement the revised]] New Jersey Student Learning Standards — [[Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills, Computer Science and Design Thinking,]] Visual and Performing Arts[[,]] and World Languages [[by]] ***no later than*** September [[2027]] ***2028***, align their curricula with the standards, and ensure students learn and are assessed as required by federal law; and be it further

Resolved, district boards of education with State-funded preschool programs shall fully comply with this resolution and shall implement the revised New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards by September [[2027]] ***2028***; 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 and New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards.

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