

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Performance Indicators - 2026	Frequency	Desired Trend	FY24 Actual	FY25 Target	FY26 Target
STUDENT LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT					
English Language Arts/Literacy - Grade 3 - Meeting Expectations or Exceeding Expectations	Annual	Increase	44.0%	45.8%	47.7%
English Language Arts/Literacy - Grade 9 - Meeting Expectations or Exceeding Expectations	Annual	Increase	58.0%	58.7%	59.3%
Mathematics - Grade 3 - Meeting Expectations or Exceeding Expectations	Annual	Increase	48.0%	49.5%	51.3%
Mathematics - Algebra I - Meeting Expectations or Exceeding Expectations	Annual	Increase	40.0%	41.7%	43.3%
4-Year High School Graduation Rate	Annual	Increase	91.3%	91.4%	91.6%
Number of Biliteracy Seals awarded	Annual	Increase	10,671	10,991	11,321
Postsecondary Enrollment 16 months after graduation	Annual	Increase	TBD	TBD	TBD
EQUITABLE SERVICES					
Students with Individualized Education Plans graduating from high school with a regular diploma	Annual	Increase	85.6%	86.0%	86.3%
Percentage of 5 to 21 year-old students with Individualized Education Plans in regular class 80 percent or more of the day	Annual	Increase	44.2%	45.5%	45.5%
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION					
Number of districts with state-funded preschool programs	Annual	Increase	283	294	314
Number of state-funded preschool seats	Annual	Increase	73,819	76,850	77,850
CAREER PATHWAYS AND STEM PROGRAMS					
Number of 6-12th graders enrolled in computer science courses	Annual	Increase	76,494	78,406	80,367
Number of high schools offering AP/IB computer science courses	Annual	Increase	284	289	294
Number of students enrolled in an approved CTE program	Annual	Increase	77,781	77,914	78,047
Number of Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate Exams Taken	Annual	Increase	171,705	175,998	180,398
Number of Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate Meeting Benchmarks (AP 3+, IB 4+)	Annual	Increase	124,860	127,982	131,181
Students participating in dual enrollment courses	Annual	Increase	26.9%	27.9%	28.9%
EDUCATOR EQUITY					
Percentage of teachers teaching out of field	Annual	Decrease	2.50%	1.70%	1.70%
Percentage of minority novice teachers	Annual	Increase	24.5%	26.0%	26.0%

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Percent of NJ teacher preparation programs in compliance with regulations	Annual	Maintain	79%	100%	100%
Average number of days to complete teacher certification reviews	Annual	Decrease	50	30	30
DISTRICT AND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY					
Schoolwide rates of chronic absenteeism	Annual	Decrease	14.9%	12.9%	10.9%
Percent of seats in high performing charter schools	Annual	Increase	48.00%	50.00%	55.00%
Districts receiving 80 percent or higher on all five Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) District performance reviews	Annual	Increase	42%	50%	60%
SCHOOL FINANCE					
School and other capital project long-range facilities plans approved	Annual	Maintain	2,462	1,200	1,200
Discretionary grants contracts awarded annually	Annual	Maintain	602	340	260
Entitlement grants contracts awarded annually	Annual	Maintain	4,200	4,200	4,200
Total federal grant dollars administered (in millions)	Annual	Maintain	\$1,061	\$1,120	\$1,200
Federal grant dollars returned to the federal government	Annual	Decrease	0.56%	0.50%	0.50%