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Are Our Children Ready For College and Career?

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For families and educators, this question is top of mind. At the NJ Department of Education (NJDOE), this question is also top of mind, and our mission has never been clearer: to ensure that all children, regardless of zip code, graduate from high school ready for college and a career.

New Jersey ranks among the top states in the nation in student achievement, according to a number of measures, and we owe a debt of gratitude to our teachers for those results. Clearly teacher effectiveness in the classroom is the most important in-school factor affecting student learning. We also know that the family is one of the most important factors in favor of learning outside of school.

While we have much to celebrate, there is no time to rest easy. We still have over 40,000 3rd graders not reading at grade level, and we have a long way to go to make sure all our children are succeeding.

And so we ask again: Are our children ready for college and career? Read on....



College and Career Readiness

First of a three part series

Success comes as preparation meets opportunity. Families want to help prepare their children for the opportunities in today's global job market, and they are looking for help. **Read on...**

How Can You Help Your Child With Critical Thinking?

Created by Dr. Felecia Nace, Family and Community Office

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TIPS AND TOOLS FOR FAMILIES



Science and Math Help is Just a Mouse Click Away

Created by Sue Sullivan, Office of Curriculum and Standards and Educational Technology

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important subjects for families who want their children to be college and career ready. **Read on...**

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