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Route To: Assistant Superintendents, Principals, Curriculum Supervisors, Teachers
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Climate Week 2024

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) invites New Jersey local education agencies (LEAs) to participate in Climate Week 2024 from September 22 – 29, 2024.

Background

[Climate Week](#) is the largest annual climate event of its kind, bringing together hundreds of events and activities across New York City in partnership with the United Nations. Each year, business leaders, political change makers, and civil society representatives gather to champion change that is already happening in the transition to a net zero carbon emissions future. This year's theme is "It's Time." New Jersey continues to be a proud participant in Climate Week.

New Jersey has a [climate resilience strategy](#) and [state-wide resilience action plan](#) to address and mitigate climate change's impacts, which include the implementation of educational initiatives. Through continued support and advocacy for climate change initiatives by Governor Phil Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy, New Jersey became the first state in the nation to incorporate climate change education across content areas in the [K-12 New Jersey Student Learning Standards](#).

Engagement Opportunities

LEAs can participate in Climate Week by:

- Sharing activities, events, or lessons highlighting the implementation of climate change education on social media utilizing the hashtags #ClimateChangeEducation, #ClimateEd, #ClimateWeek.
- Registering for and attending events hosted by the NJDOE-funded [Climate Change Learning Collaboratives](#).

Resources

- The New Jersey Department of Education's [climate change education resources webpage](#).
- The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's [climate change webpage](#).

Contact information

For questions regarding Climate Week and climate change education, please contact ClimateEducation@doe.nj.gov.

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