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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

Route To: Principals, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction, Supervisors, Instructional Coaches, Teachers

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Division of Teaching and Learning Services

Deadline: June 9, 2025

NJDOE Seeks Input on New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for Computer Science & Design Thinking, Visual & Performing Arts, and World Languages

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.1, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is required to review the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Computer Science & Design Thinking (CS/DT), Visual & Performing Arts (VPA), and World Languages. The NJDOE is committed to engaging stakeholders in collaborative efforts to ensure the standards are rigorous, research-based and appropriate to prepare students to be college- and career-ready.

To conduct this comprehensive review, the Division of Teaching and Learning Services seeks to establish a highly qualified and diverse group of volunteers with broad stakeholder representation. A self-nomination process will be used to identify educators, content experts, and other qualified stakeholders to serve on one of two committees convened as part of the standards review process.

Committee Eligibility and Dates

Educators interested in serving on a Computer Science/Design Thinking, Visual and Performing Arts, or World Language committee should reserve Monday, **June 30, 2025**, for a virtual orientation meeting from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Please note the specific meeting dates and times for each content area for each of the two review committees. All meetings will be virtual. The two committees, the required qualifications, and mandatory time commitments are as follows:

Expert Review Committee

The Expert Review Committee will include **up to 10** experts for each content review. The NJDOE seeks committee members to participate in meetings scheduled as follows:

- **CS/DT:** Professionals with advanced degrees in computer science, technology and engineering education.

Computer Science and Design Thinking (DT)
July 2, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
July 14, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
July 29, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

In addition, asynchronous assignments may be assigned as needed.

- **VPA:** Appropriately certified, currently employed visual and performing arts supervisors with an advanced degree in the content area, and visual and/or performing arts education experts, or faculty with advanced degrees who teach visual and/or performing arts courses in an accredited institution of higher education.

VPA
July 8, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
July 22, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
August 5, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

In addition, asynchronous assignments may be assigned as needed.

- **World Languages:** Appropriately certified, currently employed world languages professionals with an advanced degree in the content area and at least five years' experience teaching world languages in kindergarten through grade 12, and world language education experts or faculty with advanced degrees who teach world language courses in an accredited institution of higher education.

World Languages
July 2, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
July 8-10, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

In addition, three asynchronous assignments approximating a total of 4-6 hours of work will be assigned.

Draft Standards Writing Review Committee

The Draft Standards Writing Review Committee will include **up to 30** educators for each content review. The NJDOE seeks committee members as follows:

- **CS/DT:** Educators with advanced degrees in computer science, technology and engineering education, or an appropriate teaching endorsement or certification and at least five years' K-12 related classroom experience.

Computer Science and Design Thinking
August 12, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
August 19, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
August 26, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

In addition, asynchronous assignments may be assigned as needed.

- **VPA:** Practicing educators appropriately certified to teach visual and/or performing arts in kindergarten through grade 12 in New Jersey Public Schools and with at least five years of experience in teaching visual and/or performing arts in K-12 and instructional leaders with at least five years of experience in leading the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for visual and/or performing arts.

VPA
August 11, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
August 21, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
August 28, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

In addition, asynchronous assignments may be assigned as needed.

- **World Languages:** Appropriately certified, currently employed educators with at least five years of experience in teaching world languages in kindergarten through grade 12 and instructional leaders with at least 5 years of experience in leading the implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for world languages.

World Languages
July 15, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
July 22-23, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
July 29-30, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
August 7, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
August 12, 2025; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

In addition, four asynchronous assignments approximating a total of 10-12 hours' work will be assigned.

How to Apply

Individuals interested in volunteering for the standards review process should complete the participation form no later than 11:59 p.m. on **June 9, 2025**. Previous committee participation does not preclude individuals from applying. Applicants may indicate interest in multiple committees if they possess all necessary qualifications for each; however, individuals will only be selected to serve on one committee based on their qualifications and committee needs.

If an applicant is actively employed by a Local Education Agency (LEA), they must obtain Chief School Administrator (CSA) approval by asking their CSA to complete the CSA Attestation Form linked below by Wednesday, June 11, 2025. LEA employees will not be able to participate without CSA attestation.

Please select the appropriate committee participation form and CSA attestation form below:

CS/DT	VPA	World Languages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee participation form for CS/DT • CSA Attestation Form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee participation form for VPA • CSA Attestation Form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee participation form for World Languages • CSA Attestation Form

Applicants will be notified of their selection and committee assignment(s) by email on or before June 16, 2025.

Contact Information

For questions regarding the process, please contact the Office of Standards at Standards@doe.nj.gov.

c: Members, State Board of Education
NJDOE Staff
Statewide Parent Advocacy Network
Garden State Coalition of Schools
NJ LEE Group