



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: August 19, 2026
To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Principals, Chief Academic Staffs, Supervisors of Gifted and Talented Education Programs
From: Jorden Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
Division of Teaching and Learning Services
Deadline: October 1, 2026

Action Required: Gifted and Talented Education Service Report Submission

This memorandum reminds those districts scheduled for the 2026-2027 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) comprehensive review (Cohort 2) and charter schools scheduled for their 2026-2027 charter school renewal that, according to the [Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act \(P.L.2019,c338\)](#), districts must submit an updated Gifted and Talented Education Service Report in the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) [Homeroom](#) by **October 1, 2026**.

Report Content

To ensure compliance with the law, all reports must be submitted through a template in the NJDOE [Homeroom](#) portal and must include updates to the initial Gifted and Talented Education Service Report in the following areas:

- The gifted and talented continuum of services, policies, and procedures implemented in the school district for students in kindergarten through grade 12;
- The professional development opportunities provided for teachers, educational services staff, and school leaders about gifted and talented students, their needs, and educational development;
- Detailed information available on the school district website regarding the policies and procedures used to identify students as gifted and talented and the continuum of services offered to gifted and talented students. The information on the website shall include the criteria used for determining eligibility for the gifted and talented services, including the multiple measures used in the identification process, and any applicable timelines in the identification process; and
- The link to the website with the school district's complaint policy on gifted and talented education.

Review the [Gifted and Talented Education Service Report Manual](#) for additional information. Districts may verify their NJQSAC cohort at <https://www.nj.gov/education/qsac/>.

Contact information

For information regarding gifted and talented requirements see the New Jersey Department of Education [Gifted and Talented Education webpage](#). Questions may be directed to the New Jersey Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator at gifted@doe.nj.gov.