



Christie Administration Announces Release of 2016 Performance Reports of Educator Preparation Providers

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Trenton, NJ – The New Jersey Department of Education today released the 2016 Educator Preparation Provider Performance Reports, which link information about newly certified teachers to the programs that prepared them to enter the teaching profession. The 2016 reports include data on teacher demographics, educational background, testing results, certification and hiring, local evaluation, placement, and classroom assignments. New to the reports for 2016 is data providing performance evaluations of novice teachers graduating from each education preparation provider program.

"These reports provide valuable information about teacher preparation programs," said Acting Education Commissioner Kimberley Harrington. "This increased transparency about the effectiveness of teacher preparation programs will inform those who are considering entering the teaching profession and deciding what preparation programs will best meet their needs. Additionally, the reports serve as helpful guides for schools and other prospective employers and for the educator preparation programs as the programs continually improve their teacher-training experience."

Research has shown that the most important in-school factor affecting a child's education is the quality of the teacher, and the Educator Preparation Provider Performance Reports is one tool that helps New Jersey achieve the goal of making sure every child has an effective teacher in the classroom.

Federal regulations released last month require all states to establish a reporting system about the effectiveness of educator preparation programs. New Jersey has a significant head start in meeting that requirement, as the state Department of Education developed its reports in collaboration with New Jersey's colleges and universities and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, and has been posting the reports online since 2014.

The 2016 Educator Preparation Provider Performance Reports include data on teaching candidates who were prepared by a New Jersey program, obtained a New Jersey teacher certification between September 1, 2012 and August 31, 2014, and were working in a New Jersey public school during the 2015-16 school year.

"A range of data has been provided to schools of education over the past several years, including job placement rate, persistence in the field, and diversity of schools in which our graduates work," said Sharon Sherman, president of the New Jersey Association of Colleges of Teacher Education. "As we work together to meet the needs of New Jersey's children, it is helpful for us to have this information to maintain our high-quality programs and focus our attention on preparing the best candidates for shortage areas and schools with underserved populations. We look forward to our continued collaboration."

Peter Shulman, Deputy Commissioner of Education, added, "The release of this year's reports builds upon our commitment to publicly provide accurate and timely data about our teacher preparation programs and their recent graduates. As these reports continue to evolve, new data elements will be added to provide a more comprehensive overview of each of our programs."

The [2016 Educator Preparation Provider Performance Reports](#) are available online.