

The New Jersey Department of Education Announces 63 Schools Achieved Certification from Future Ready Schools-NJ

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Trenton, NJ – Today, Future Ready Schools - New Jersey (FRS-NJ) honored 63 schools by awarding them certification for implementing effective digital learning policies and practices.

The FRS-NJ certification program is designed to promote digital learning throughout New Jersey's elementary and secondary public schools through the national Future Ready Framework, as well as to engage students in developing 21st Century skills by encouraging the best use of digital learning tools by educators.

"It is our mission to ensure that each and every student across the state of New Jersey is ready for his or her future—a future that requires technological knowledge and skills," said Education Commissioner Kimberley Harrington. "We launched the Future Ready Schools - New Jersey program as a road map for schools to help students meet the demands of today's technology-based economy, and I am excited that so many schools achieved certification in the first year of the program."

FRS-NJ is a partnership of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA).

"NJIT is proud to be part of the Future Ready Schools Program and takes great pride in its work to build and diversify the pipeline of future STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) students and graduates who will fuel our economy and improve quality of life in numerous ways," said New Jersey Institute of Technology President Joel S. Bloom.

"Future Ready Schools – New Jersey enables schools to use technology in ways that encourage enhanced student engagement, collaboration, and individualized instruction," said Dr. Lawrence S. Feinsod, NJSBA executive director. "We congratulate the schools that are in the first 'class' to achieve certification and urge all New Jersey districts to participate in this program."

The list of 63 schools that were honored can be found on the **FRS-NJ website**.