

Resolution to Amend the 2023 New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) Mathematics Curriculum Implementation Schedule

The following is the accessible version of the resolution to amend the 2023 New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) Mathematics curriculum implementation schedule. The adoption document includes two sections – [comments and responses](#) and [the resolution](#).

**State Board of Education
Comment/Response Form**

This comment and response form contains comments received since the June 5, 2024, State Board of Education meeting when a resolution regarding the implementation timeline of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Mathematics was discussed.

Topic: New Jersey Student Learning Standards **Meeting Date:** August 7, 2024

Level: Adoption

Division: Teaching and Learning Services **Completed by:** Office of Standards

Summary of Comments and Agency Responses:

The following is a summary of the comments received from State Board of Education members and members of the public and the Department of Education's (Department) responses. Each commenter is identified at the end of the comment by a letter or number that corresponds to the following list:

1. John J. Burns, Esq., Senior Legislative Counsel, New Jersey School Boards Association
2. Victoria A. Jakelsky, State Director, New Jersey Parental Rights

1. Comment: The commenter expressed strong support for the resolution adjusting implementation of the 2023 revisions to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Mathematics (NJSLs-Mathematics) to September 2025 instead of September 2024 and maintaining the September 2024 implementation timeline for the 2023 revisions to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in English Language Arts (NJSLs-ELA). **(1)**
Response: The Department appreciates the support.

2. Comment: The commenter expressed support for the NJSLs-Mathematics and NJSLs-ELA. The commenter expressed concern that adjusting the implementation schedule may allow for changes to the NJSLs approved in 2023. **(2)**
Response: The Department appreciates the support. The resolution under consideration by the State Board of Education would change the implementation date for the 2023 revisions to the NJSLs-Mathematics to September 2025. The resolution does not allow for the consideration of revision to any of the standards.

3. Comment: The commenter expressed concern that the NJSLs-Mathematics Climate Change Companion Guide was not reviewed by the public. The commenter also requested that the Department turn its purpose and intention to addressing learning loss in mathematics. **(2)**
Response: The comment is outside the scope of the resolution to change the implementation timeline of the NJSLs-Mathematics.



**Adoption Resolution
August 7, 2024**

State of New Jersey

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Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education is empowered, pursuant to P.L. 1990, c. 52, P. L. 1991, c. 3 and P. L. 1991, c. 62, with the authority to establish the State's educational goals and standards; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Student Learning Standards define the knowledge and skills students should acquire within their kindergarten through grade 12 education careers to graduate high school with the ability to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs; and

Whereas, the State Board of Education adopted a resolution on October 4, 2023, that directs that the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) – English Language Arts and Mathematics will serve as standards of quality for public school students in kindergarten through grade 12 programs in New Jersey; and

Whereas, the adopted resolution required district boards of education to implement the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics by September 2024 and align their curricula with the standards and ensure students learn and are assessed as required by federal law; and

Whereas, local education agencies and stakeholder associations have expressed concern for implementing both English Language Arts and Mathematics standards on this timeline given the importance of both assessed content areas and the limited implementation timeline of less than one calendar year, which has made it difficult for school districts to engage in curriculum writing processes and professional learning for both content areas as planned, and these concerns have persisted through various attempts by the Department of Education to provide implementation support resources; and

Whereas, the State Board of Education acknowledges the planning and fiscal challenges that school districts have been facing as a result and believes that, to support school districts in revising and rewriting curriculum aligned to the 2023 NJSLS in a manner that results in a robust and viable instructional resource, it is necessary to adjust the curriculum implementation schedule that is described above; and now therefore be it

Resolved, the State Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the Standards both set expectations for and meet the needs of New Jersey's students and, by adoption of this resolution, hereby directs school districts to integrate the New Jersey Student Learning Standards – English Language Arts and Mathematics in kindergarten through grade 12; and be it further

Resolved, the school districts shall align their curriculum to the revised 2023 New Jersey Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts by September 2024 and Mathematics by September 2025 and ensure students learn and are assessed as required by law.

Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education

Kathy Goldenberg, President
N.J. State Board of Education