



State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Discussion Resolution
June 5, 2024

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

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.

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