



State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Level
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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AND COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON
CORE STATE STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted rigorous Common Core State Standards on June 19, 2010, and adopted rigorous Core Curriculum Content Standards and associated cumulative progress indicators in January 2008, which established the basis for local curricula and instruction for all students, the Statewide assessment system, and the evaluation of district boards of education; and

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, along with the adoption of the standards, the New Jersey State Board of Education directed school districts to align their curricula for all students with the K-12 standards in mathematics, language arts literacy, social studies, science, visual and performing arts, health and physical education, world languages, technology, and 21st century life and careers; and

WHEREAS, the standards and accompanying indicators serve as the basis for State or local assessments deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education and the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the standards define the knowledge and skills students should acquire within their K-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 Common Core State Standards are deemed to be internationally benchmarked high standards that provide students with a clear year-to-year progression to ensure New Jersey students graduate high school ready for college and career and endowed with the critical thinking skills required of all graduates in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, district boards of education shall fully comply with this directive and shall implement all State standards, align their curricula to the standards, and ensure all students learn and are assessed as required by federal law, according to the standards, including Common Core aligned assessments; and, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby reaffirms its commitment to the implementation of the adopted Core Curriculum Content Standards, including the Common Core State Standards; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education reminds district boards of education of their obligation to implement all Core Curriculum Content Standards, including the Common Core State Standards, and to ensure students meet the expectations and proficiency standards as measured by current and future State and local assessments.

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