



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: June 8, 2023
To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Educator Preparation Program Faculty, School Leaders, Teaching Staff, Educational Services Professionals
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Division of Field Support and Services
Deadline: July 7, 2023

Seeking New Members for the New Jersey Department of Education's State Program Approval Council

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is now accepting applications for the State Program Approval Council (SPAC). The NJDOE is seeking individuals to fill openings for the next two-year term, which commences August 2023. Specifically, the SPAC is soliciting for one educator preparation provider representative and one preschool to grade 12 practitioner (teacher, school or local educational agency (LEA) leader, or educational service professional).

Background

N.J.A.C. 6A:9A-3.2 requires the Education Commissioner to appoint a SPAC, which is comprised of four representatives of Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) educator preparation providers, three representatives of Certificate of Eligibility (CE) educator preparation providers, and four preschool to grade 12 practitioners. The role of the SPAC is to:

- Advise the Commissioner on matters pertaining to educator preparation quality;
- Participate in the program approval process for initial and substantially revised programs;
- Consider program information required for periodic review and recommend appropriate action regarding a program's status; and
- Make recommendations for program approval to the NJDOE.

SPAC membership is voluntary and offers many benefits to both the member(s) and the NJDOE. These include opportunities for professional growth and networking, as well as the chance to give feedback that can help shape State decisions and policies that ultimately impact educator quality and student success. Please note that membership does not include meals, mileage reimbursement, or stipends.

Applicants must commit to:

- Serving a two-year term, beginning in August 2023;
- Dedicating approximately 30 hours per year to carry out duties of the council; and
- Attending up to four meetings (virtual or in-person) per year.

SPAC Application Process

To be considered for the SPAC, please complete the [online form](#) and submit your resume/curriculum vitae to rpr@doe.nj.gov by July 7, 2023.

Contact information

For questions, please contact Timothy Hart-Ruiz at timothy.hart-ruiz@doe.nj.gov.

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