

## New Jersey Administrative Code Summary and Statutes

### Curriculum Development: Integration of 21st Century Skills and Themes and Interdisciplinary Connections

District boards of education shall be responsible for the review and continuous improvement of curriculum and instruction based upon changes in knowledge, technology, assessment results, and modifications to the NJSLS, according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-2.

1. District boards of education shall include interdisciplinary connections throughout the K–12 curriculum.
2. District boards of education shall integrate into the curriculum 21st century themes and skills ([N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1\(c\)](#)).

### Twenty-first century themes and skills integrated into all content standards areas (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.1(a)3).

“Twenty-first century themes and skills” means themes such as global awareness; financial, economic, business, and entrepreneurial literacy; civic literacy; health literacy; learning and innovation skills, including creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, and communication and collaboration; information, media, and technology skills; and life and career skills, including flexibility and adaptability, initiative and self-direction, social and cross-cultural skills, productivity and accountability, and leadership and responsibility.

[N.J.A.C.6A:8-5.1 \(a\) 1. iv.](#) At least 15 credits in social studies, including satisfaction of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-1 and 2; five credits in world history; and the integration of civics, economics, geography and global content in all course offerings;

[N.J.A.C.6 A:8-5.1 \(a\) 1. v.](#) At least 2.5 credits in financial, economic, business, and entrepreneurial literacy, effective with 2010-2011 grade nine class

[NJSA 18A:6-3](#) Requires secondary course of study in the United States Constitution

[NJSA 18A:35-1,NJSA 18A:35-2](#) Requires 2 years of US History in high schools including history of New Jersey and of African-Americans

[NJSA 18A:35-3](#) Requires course of study in civics, geography and history of New Jersey

[NJSA 18A:35-4.1](#) Requires course of study in principles of humanity

[NJSA 18A:35-2.1](#) Requires the State Department of Education to develop curriculum guidelines for the teaching of civics pursuant to NJSA 18A:35-1 and NJSA 18A:35-2.

### Amistad Law: [N.J.S.A. 18A 52:16A-88](#)

Every board of education shall incorporate the information regarding the contributions of African-Americans to our country in an appropriate place in the curriculum of elementary and secondary school students.

### Holocaust Law: [N.J.S.A. 18A:35-28](#)

Every board of education shall include instruction on the Holocaust and genocides in an appropriate place in the curriculum of all elementary and secondary school pupils. The instruction shall further emphasize the personal responsibility that each citizen bears to fight racism and hatred whenever and wherever it happens.

**LGBT and Disabilities Law: [N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.35](#)**

A board of education shall include instruction on the political, economic, and social contributions of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, in an appropriate place in the curriculum of middle school and high school students as part of the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards ([N.J.S.A.18A:35-4.36](#)) A board of education shall have policies and procedures in place pertaining to the selection of instructional materials to implement the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.35.