

# JOIN YOUR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Did you know that NJEA has affiliated groups representing educators and educational support professionals in specific fields, including all content and curricular areas and other job titles such as guidance, world languages, library and media, technology, school psychologists, teachers of the gifted, office professionals, Holocaust education, and many others?

In many small districts, and at your school building, you may be the only one tasked with a special area of expertise. Especially if others don't understand what you do, it is wonderful to share strategies and meet educators from other districts who are doing the same job.

Joining one or more of these groups may provide you special opportunities through a newsletter, website or social media groups. You may also find discounts for workshops, conferences and webinars. You'll discover recognition opportunities and sharing sessions.

Through these organizations you can advocate for your students and your position in Trenton and in Washington. Numbers count when addressing elected officials. When a politician asks, "How many educators belong to this group?" you can help show your support by being a member.

Several times a year, each NJEA Affiliated Group sends a representative to NJEA headquarters to meet with other groups' representatives to discuss key issues impacting public education, as well as for sharing ideas and services. Many workshops at the annual NJEA convention in Atlantic City are hosted by NJEA affiliated groups and offer up-to-the-minute research and practices for you to use in your classroom or work setting.

Connect with colleagues who "get it" and do what you do, by joining an Affiliated Group of NJEA. It is a professional responsibility and service that will benefit you, not only on your annual evaluation, but in your classroom.

Titles, descriptions and contact information for NJEA's many affiliated groups follow.

*Roberta Braverman, the vice president for advocacy at the New Jersey Association for Gifted Children, provided this introduction.*

**Note:** While every effort has been made to produce an accurate listing, we recognize that some descriptions or contact information may have changed. In those instances, please contact Liz Murphy, Communications Division at [lmurphy@njea.org](mailto:lmurphy@njea.org) so that the information may be updated.



## CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN YOUR JOB DESCRIPTION

## ART

### ART EDUCATORS OF NEW JERSEY (AENJ)

#### AENJ.ORG

The Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) is the state's professional association for visual arts educators teaching in public, private, parochial and charter schools, colleges/universities, museums and art centers.

AENJ provides quality professional development and advocates for visual arts educators throughout the year. This includes an annual conference, lectures and workshops, publications, member and student exhibition opportunities, and scholarships and grants to arts educators and their students.

Dues: \$50; \$20 for retired, first-year professional and student members

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## BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

### N.J. BUSINESS/ TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ASSN. (NJBTEA)

#### NJBTEA.ORG

NJBTEA advocates for business/technology education and provides opportunities for professional growth leading to quality business/technology education programs.

NJBTEA offers many avenues to fulfill these purposes including, but not limited to, a fall convention; conferences, workshops, tours and seminars; newsletters; award programs for students and professionals; and professional opportunities.

Dues: \$40 for professionals and associate members; \$20 for retired professional or associate members; \$10

for undergraduate students enrolled in a business/technology education program

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### N.J. ASSN. FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (NJAET)

#### NJAET.ORG

NJAET is dedicated to helping teachers use technology to improve learning. Membership provides newsletters from NJAET and Big Deal Media, professional development activities, technology project mini-grants for teachers.

Dues: Membership is free.

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### N.J. TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING EDUCATORS ASSN. (NJTEEA)

#### NJTEEA.ORG

NJTEEA is a professional organization for K-12 design, technology, engineering, and other STEM educators that promotes the goals and objectives of technology education and technological literacy as well as STEM initiatives.

NJTEEA provides various high-impact, hands-on professional development opportunities at model schools as well as at supportive industry locations. It also provides email updates to members three to four times a month, a STEM Boot Camp in the beginning of the academic year and an annual spring conference and expo.

Dues: \$50; \$12 for undergraduate or retired members

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## CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS

### ATHLETIC TRAINERS' SOCIETY OF N.J. (ATSNJ)

#### ATSNJ.ORG

ATSNJ is dedicated to the advancement and improvement of the athletic training profession. It continually strives to ensure that physically active persons receive the best possible health care.

ATSNJ members receive discounted rates for the annual athletic training conference and have access to free CEU opportunities via regional meetings. ATSNJ continues to be active legislatively to ensure appropriate health care for active persons and to ensure proper protections for the profession of athletic training. Members also receive newsletters and electronic postings about athletic training and have members-only access to various areas of the ATSNJ website.

Dues: \$65; \$20 for students

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## CLASSICAL STUDIES

### NEW JERSEY CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION (NJCA)

#### NJCLASSICS.ORG

NJCA is an organization for educators working to advance the cause of classical studies, the Latin and Greek languages and the study of Greco-Roman mythology. Members are teachers from elementary grades through college in public, private and parochial schools.

Members benefits include fall and spring meetings, scholarship offerings, materials, resources, mentoring and a placement service.

Dues: \$20; \$10 for retired and student members

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

### N.J. TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES/ N.J. BILINGUAL EDUCATORS (NJTESOL/ NJBE)

#### NJTESOL-NJBE.ORG

NJTESOL/NJBE is the professional organization of English as a Second Language (ESL) and bilingual education teachers for all levels. Membership is open to all educators interested in current information on educating bilingual and English language learners (ESL students).

NJTESOL/NJBE sponsors several conferences throughout the year and keeps members informed through newsletters and online discussion of hot topics in ESL/bilingual education. The organization is deeply involved in advocacy/political action and collaborative activities with other professional organizations.

Dues: \$35/year; \$59/two years with the benefits of participating in the hotlist, receiving the *Voices* newsletter and getting discounts on the conference payment.

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## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

### EDUCATORS OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES-N.J. (EFACS-NJ)

EFACS-NJ is dedicated to networking with K-12 family and consumer science teachers and keeping them apprised of philosophies and technologies related to Career and Technical Education, Career Readiness Practices, and STEAM curricula. The organization supports Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and provides professional development workshops for FCS teachers.

Dues: \$20

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## GIFTED CHILDREN

### N.J. ASSN. FOR GIFTED CHILDREN (NJAGC)

#### NJAGC.ORG

The New Jersey Association for Gifted Children (NJAGC) is a champion for gifted children. Its members are passionate advocates promoting programs, networks and legislative actions to meet the needs of these students statewide. NJAGC believes that a strong and supportive partnership between parents and educators increases understanding and expands opportunities for gifted children. Its Educator Division serves the needs of all educators, guidance counselors and administrators and provides regional events, an annual conference and other small workshops. NJAGC also offers a quarterly e-newsletter, NewsNet, and a website with outstanding resources.

Dues: \$40; \$25 for full-time college students; \$30 for retired

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## GUIDANCE

### N.J. COOPERATIVE EDUCATION ASSN. (NJCEA)

NJCEA provides professional programs, services and opportunities to cooperative education coordinators and structured learning coordinators. NJCEA is at the forefront of workforce education issues, working in concert with the N.J. Department of Education, the N.J. Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

NJCEA provides three membership meetings in various New Jersey locations annually, offering relevant presentations and professional development.

Dues: \$30

Contact: John Hillard, president, [jvhillard74@yahoo.com](mailto:jvhillard74@yahoo.com); or Rob Carson, past president, [rcarson@burltwpsch.org](mailto:rcarson@burltwpsch.org); 609-387-1713, ext. 6069

### N.J. COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COORDINATORS ASSN. (NJCECA)

#### NJCECA.ORG

NJCECA is an organization for instructors involved in student job placement. NJCECA membership provides guidance, resources and outreach for teachers to enhance their work-study and transition programs and collaborate in program planning.

Meetings are held at sponsor sites the third Thursday of each month. Presentations are given by guest speakers

to provide two hours of professional development. The meetings are fun and informative and offer an environment of camaraderie and professionalism.

Dues: \$25

Contact: Gerry Carroll; [gercar@bergen.org](mailto:gercar@bergen.org); 201-343-6000, ext. 4603

### NEW JERSEY SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSN., INC. (NJSCA)

#### NJSCA.ORG

NJSCA works to advance the school counseling profession to maximize the personal, social, educational, academic and college career readiness of each student, elementary through post-secondary. It is a division of the American School Counselor Association.

NJSCA provides a bimonthly electronic newsletter, annual fall and spring professional development conferences, student and counselor recognition programs, and advocacy for school counselors.

Dues: \$40; \$30 for students enrolled in a counseling program; \$15 for retirees

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

### NEW JERSEY COUNTY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION (NJCCA)

The New Jersey College Association (NJCCA) is an interactive networking, political action and lobbying group. The goals of NJCCA are to create a forum where public higher education is promoted, advocate for exceptional standards of professional excellence and serve as a liaison among the multiple

local associations in the county colleges. The association advocates for all NJEA county college members.

Quarterly meetings are held to discuss and act on issues affecting higher education and to support affordable higher education.

We seek members who can contribute time and ideas for meaningful contributions and projects that will bring a spot light to the collective impactful work of the community college community. Association membership is open to full-time, employed community college NJEA members.

Dues: Annual local association dues range from \$50 to \$250 (based on number of members); individual memberships at \$20.

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## HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

### THE COUNCIL OF HOLOCAUST EDUCATORS (CHE)

CHE is a professional development organization for educators who teach about the Holocaust, genocide and human rights. CHE grew out of a long-standing need for educators to organize as professionals and to become a voice for teachers and students participating in Holocaust/genocide education. CHE is committed to the effort to instill in our students a sense of the importance of recognizing and respecting the value of each individual human life and the human dignity of all people as a deterrent to future genocide and to foster a peaceful world. CHE provides its members with the opportunity to find mutual support from colleagues in their educational

efforts and to further the instructional program and goals of Holocaust education through ongoing professional development.

CHE provides opportunities for networking and professional development designed by teachers for teachers. On Facebook search for Council of Holocaust Educators.

Dues: None

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## KINDERGARTEN

### N.J. ASSN. OF KINDERGARTEN EDUCATORS (NJAKE)

#### NJAKE.NET

NJAKE is an organization of kindergarten and early childhood educators. It promotes strategies to strengthen communication with the public regarding the intellectual, emotional, physical and social values achieved through developmentally appropriate kindergarten programs.

Membership provides opportunities for networking on issues and questions pertaining to early childhood education through newsletters and workshops.

Dues: \$25 for unified county/state memberships; \$10 for retired and student members

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## LANGUAGE ARTS

### N.J. COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH (NJCTE)

#### NJCTE.ORG

NJCTE includes teachers of English, administrators, university faculty and those committed to applying the power of language and literacy to pursue justice and equity. The organization holds fall and spring statewide conferences, sponsors informal SPARK sessions, runs a student writing contest, publishes a blog and the New Jersey English Journal, and honors veteran, early career, and preservice English teachers.

Dues: \$25; \$15 for pre-service teachers and retirees

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### N.J. LITERACY ASSOC. (NJLA) – (FORMERLY N.J. READING ASSN.)

NJLA is a professional network of educators and individuals (prekindergarten to adult levels) interested in advancing literacy, promoting effective practices and encouraging appropriate assessment through advocacy, collaboration, and professional development.

NJLA provides annual conferences, workshops and opportunities for communication among educators who share common interests in literacy education.

Dues: Free

Contact: njliteracy@gmail.com

## LIBRARY/MEDIA

### N.J. ASSN OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS (NJASL)

#### NJASL.ORG

NJASL is a professional organization of school librarians teaching in public, private and parochial schools, prekindergarten to college level. It advocates high standards for librarianship and library programs to ensure that students and staff become effective users of information.

NJASL inspires excellence in the school library program by providing school librarians with educational opportunities and current information through workshops and a conference.

As allies and partners in teaching students, NJASL encourages teachers, administrators and other educational colleagues to join, with benefits including professional development and collegial networking.

Dues: \$65

Contact: Betsy Quinn; membership@njasl.org

## MATHEMATICS

### ASSN. OF MATHEMATICS TEACHERS OF N.J. (AMTNJ)

#### AMTNJ.ORG

AMTNJ encourages and promotes the growth of quality instruction in mathematics.

Annual events include a special education conference, a winter conference, a tech conference, a periodic supervisors' conference and a two-day annual conference. Membership is open to persons engaged or interested in the teaching of mathematics (prekindergarten through college) in educational institutions, public, private and parochial.

AMTNJ provides newsletters and journals, online professional development, summer institutes, student activities and contests, minigrant opportunities, mailings and e-blasts. AMTNJ will bring professional development tailored to your specific needs directly to your location.

Dues: \$30/year for professionals (\$50/two years); \$15/year for retirees and preservice teachers

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## MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

### N.J. ASSOCIATION FOR MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION (NJAMLE)

#### NJAMLE.ORG

The New Jersey Association for Middle Level Education (NJAMLE) is a professional membership organization focused on meeting the needs of young adolescents. As an affiliate of the national organization, the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE).

NJAMLE serves as a voice for middle level educators, students, parents and other stakeholders committed to excellence in middle level education. NJAMLE provides leadership, professional learning and advocacy in support of its belief that all young adolescents must be academically challenged in an educational environment that meets their unique cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs.

Dues: Individual annual membership is \$20. Institutional or school annual membership is \$99. Individuals also have the opportunity for dual

membership in both NJAMLE and AMLE. This dual membership is only \$69.99 for the year. Visit [njamle.org](http://njamle.org) for a membership application and more information.

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## MUSIC

### N.J. MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSN. (NJMEA)

[NJMEA.ORG](http://NJMEA.ORG)

NJMEA is an organization of general, choral and instrumental music educators, prekindergarten through college in public, private and parochial schools.

The organization sponsors a variety of professional development opportunities and advocacy efforts that focus on emerging trends and issues in music education. Members' students may audition for region ensembles, as well as All-State Chorus, Orchestra, Band and Jazz Ensemble. Members may also choose to participate in other NJMEA-sponsored performance activities as applicable.

Dues: \$129; \$60 for retirees; \$32 for college students. An introductory price for first-year teachers who are collegiate members: \$54.

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## NURSES

### N.J. STATE SCHOOL NURSES ASSOCIATION (NJSSNA)

[NJSSNA.ORG](http://NJSSNA.ORG)

NJSSNA provides direction for leadership and advocacy in the specialty practice of school nursing. It promotes

professional and ethical standards and guidelines through research, education and communication. Members of NJSSNA include certified school nurses, faculty at New Jersey's universities charged with preparing certified school nurses, and registered nurses working in early childhood programs or in New Jersey's private and parochial schools.

NJSSNA communicates frequently with members, sponsors an annual statewide conference featuring nationally known speakers and provides timely educational programs at the NJEA Convention and throughout the year.

Dues: For a dues schedule go to [www.NASN.org](http://www.NASN.org). Membership in NJSSNA is included.

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## OFFICE PROFESSIONALS

### N.J. ASSN. OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS (NJAEOP)

NJAEOP is New Jersey's only professional organization for educational office professionals. Under a mission of "Service, Integrity, Skill," NJAEOP provides professional development and promotes the expertise and contributions of educational office professionals. Membership is open to clerks, business office personnel, central office personnel, secretaries, administrative assistants, executive assistants and others who work in public and private schools as well as colleges. NJAEOP publishes a newsletter.

Dues: \$20

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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

### N.J. ASSN. FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION AND DANCE (NJAPERD)

[NJAPERD.ORG](http://NJAPERD.ORG)

NJAPERD promotes healthy active lifestyles for New Jersey's students, educators and community members. Its advocacy campaign, "Every Child Stronger, Every Life Longer," aims to improve the quality of health and physical education programs.

NJAPERD's annual events include a four-day convention that covers all aspects of health, physical education, recreation and dance. Annual, regional conferences are also held. These conferences are tailored for elementary, middle school and high school educators. Future professionals are offered an annual conference to prepare them for entry into their profession. Members receive the FYI, a biweekly e-newsletter and may apply for minigrants and awards.

Dues: \$65/year for professionals (\$120/two years, \$175/three years); \$20 retired; \$10 future professional (four years); \$60 new professional (two years)

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## PRESERVICE EDUCATORS

### NJEA PRESERVICE

[NJEA.ORG/PRESERVICE](http://NJEA.ORG/PRESERVICE)

NJEA Preservice is organized on the college level and provides those services necessary to ensure preservice members are well prepared and ready to enter the teaching profession.

Dues: \$32

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## PSYCHOLOGISTS

### N.J. ASSN. OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS (NJASP)

[NJASP.ORG](http://NJASP.ORG)

NJASP is dedicated to serving and advocating for the mental health and educational growth and development of all children, the maintenance of high standards for school psychologists and the advancement of the profession.

NJASP offers two professional development conferences (winter and spring), regional workshops, a quarterly newsletter and updates on political and current trends.

Dues: \$75; \$25 for student affiliate members; \$45 for retirees; \$55 for affiliate members

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## RETIRED EDUCATORS

### N.J. RETIREES' EDUCATION ASSN. (NJREA)

[NJEA.ORG/NJREA](http://NJEA.ORG/NJREA)

NJREA, the state's largest retiree organization, promotes the social, professional and economic status of retired educators and educational support professionals under a unified dues agreement with NJEA, NEA-Retired, and the 21 County Retired Education Associations (CREA) in New Jersey.

Annual events include fall and spring informational meetings/luncheons, a convention in Atlantic City in November, and CREA meetings and workshops throughout the year. Members receive up-to-date information on pension and health benefits through our award-winning quarterly newsletter as well as county mailings and emails.

Dues: Annual dues in NJREA/NJEA/NEA-R and CREA are approximately \$100 and may be paid by check or credit card. An automatic renewal option is available. Lifetime and pre-retirement lifetime membership in NJREA is available and may be paid in installments.

Contact: Walter Krichling at 609-599-4561, ext. 2300.

## SPEECH/LANGUAGE

### N.J. ASSN. OF SPEECH LANGUAGE SPECIALISTS (NJASLS)

NJASLS advocates for students with communication disabilities that affect their educational performance. NJASLS helps to secure conditions necessary for maximum efficacy of the speech language specialist,

advances the standards of the profession of speech language pathology in an educational setting, actively promotes the interests of members, and provides professional development at the NJEA Convention.

Dues: Two-year membership (Sept 2018-Aug. 2020) - \$35 regular members, \$15 retirees. All students will be offered free membership for this time period (with proof of student status).

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## SCIENCE

### N.J. SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSN. (NJSTA)

[NJSTA.ORG](http://NJSTA.ORG)

NJSTA promotes excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all. Its vision is to excite, empower and energize all science teachers. NJSTA strives to support and recognize science educators at all levels for their dedication and professionalism; advocates high-quality science instruction in varied and diverse settings, and seeks to generate and promote public interest in science and science education for all. NJSTA has worked hard this year to provide NGSS resources for all grade levels as teachers across the state implement these new standards in their classrooms.

NJSTA sponsors and co-sponsors various functions and activities including monthly newsletters, NJSTA Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award Summer Institute, N.J. Science Convention, NJSTA Membership Meetings, Super Science Saturday, NGSS support and resources, NJSTA Spring Meeting, NJEA Convention, and City of Science.

Dues: \$25; \$10 full-time students

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## SOCIAL STUDIES

### N.J. COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NJCSS)

[NJCSS.ORG](http://NJCSS.ORG)

NJCSS includes social studies teachers, supervisors and university faculty. It advocates for the teaching and improvement of social studies instruction; supports the development and implementation of meaningful and effective social studies curriculum and instruction; provides a program of professional development for social studies educators; and provides for educational and professional interaction among social studies educators, professional organizations and government agencies.

Dues: \$25 for teachers; \$15 for pre-service teachers; \$40 for joint membership with the N.J. Social Studies Supervisors Association

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## SOCIAL WORKERS

### N.J. ASSN. OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS (NJASSW)

[NJASSW.ORG](http://NJASSW.ORG)

NJASSW is an organization of certified school social workers from the public and private sectors. It provides opportunities for the professional growth of its members and actively supports higher standards for school social work practice. It promotes the extension of school social work services to all children, facilitating social/emotional and educational growth, eliminating barriers to

learning, and linking school, family, and community.

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## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### N.J. ASSOCIATION OF LEARNING CONSULTANTS (NJALC)

[NEWJERSEYALC.ORG](http://NEWJERSEYALC.ORG)

NJALC is concerned with the continuing professional development and working conditions of learning consultants in public, private and parochial schools, as well as in private practice.

NJALC provides two conferences, regional workshops, newsletters, a journal, the *Main Book Summaries*, grants and a registry for LDT-Cs in public and private practice.

Dues: \$75; \$40 for retirees and students

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### N.J. COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (NJCEC)

[NJCEC.ORG](http://NJCEC.ORG)

The New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children (NJCEC) is the state division of the Council for Exceptional Children, the international/national board for special education. NJCEC/CEC is the professional association of educators dedicated to advancing the success of children with exceptionalities. This organization acts as an advocate and guide in matters of federal legislation, professional standards, professional development, education of school personnel and families, effective classroom practice and resources available for effective professional practice. We accomplish our mission

through advocacy, standards and professional development. In addition, CEC has 17 divisions for specialized information, sponsors journals and newsletters, and hosts conferences and conventions at the local, state and national level.

NJCEC offers an annual conference, a professional publication(s) and newsletters that keeps members aware of national issues and current teaching strategies, professional and student recognition programs including scholarships for high school seniors with special needs and selection of a teacher of the year.

Dues: Premier membership \$205; Full \$115; Basic \$65 a year through International CEC.

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## SPEECH AND THEATER

### SPEECH AND THEATRE ASSN. OF N.J. (STANJ)

#### STANJ.ORG

STANJ is the voice of advocacy for the inclusion of speech and theatre arts in educational curricula. The association includes volunteer members from elementary, middle, high school, college and professional theater who are interested in acting, directing, musical theater, technical theater, communication media, and theater education. Members may attend two professional development workshops per year as well as presentations at the NJEA Convention. Their students may participate in the Governor's Awards theatre competition in the areas of monologues, scenes and improvisation. First-place winners are honored at a ceremony held in Trenton. A college theater scholarship is also offered.

Dues: \$35

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## STUDENT ASSISTANCE

### ASSN. OF STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROFESSIONALS OF N.J. (ASAP-NJ)

#### ASAPNJ.ORG

ASAP-NJ is an organization of individuals employed in schools, agencies or school-based programs whose functions include advocating and developing a school-based student assistance/substance awareness program. The group meets the needs of youth in the education, prevention, intervention, and referral services for high-risk behaviors, including substance abuse and violence. A major portion of ASAP-NJ's work in schools involves mental health issues and substance abuse issues—emotional, psychological support services, crisis intervention and referrals to mental health facilities.

Members can attend a state conference, county monthly meetings, and workshops. ASAP-NJ provides specialized training on student assistance programs, substance use prevention, mental health issues, bullying, and related topics.

Dues: \$50

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## TECHNICAL EDUCATION

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ASSN. OF N.J. (CTEANJ)

## ACTEONLINE.ORG

The mission of the CTEANJ is to provide educational leadership in developing a competitive global workforce by fostering excellence in career and technical education; advocating national, state, and local public policy to benefit career and technical education; acting as a clearinghouse for education and information relating to all aspects of career and technical education, while providing access for professional development through programs, workshops, conferences, services, and opportunities that will ultimately benefit all students; and creating public awareness of career and technical education and its importance in developing a competitive global workforce.

CTEANJ hosts an annual scholarship program and members may nominate deserving career and technical education students. Thanks to unification with the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), members receive additional benefits, including trade publications, national advocacy for career and technical education, legislative updates and the opportunity to attend national CTE conventions.

Dues: Membership is united with ACTE and costs \$80; \$31 for retirees

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## WORLD LANGUAGES

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATORS OF N.J. (FLENJ)

#### FLENJ.ORG

FLENJ represents world language teachers (kindergarten through college). It advances and

promotes the teaching of world languages, literatures and cultures.

FLENJ offers professional development workshops as well as statewide meetings in the spring on topics of interest to the profession and latest developments in methodology, materials and technology. It also offers minigrants for teachers, a student video contest, an education abroad program scholarships, teacher and student award as well as senior scholarships.

Dues: \$40/year (\$90/three years); \$20 for student members; \$5 for retirees.

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### N.J. CHAPTERS OF THE AMERICAN ASSN. OF TEACHERS OF SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE (NJAATSP)

#### NJAATSP.ORG

NJAATSP promotes the teaching of Spanish and Portuguese languages, culture and literature at all educational levels. It offers workshops and seminars, coordinates the National Spanish Examination and Honor Societies for middle and high school students, and holds an annual Spanish essay contest for high school seniors. Many student and teacher scholarships are available. Members receive *Hispania*, the official journal of AATSP, four times a year.

Dues: \$65 for both national and state memberships; \$25 for students

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