



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: High School Principals, World Language Supervisors, Bilingual/ESL Supervisors, Science Supervisors, Mathematics Supervisors  
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Deadline: March 29, 2024

## New Jersey Department of Education Announces Local Educational Agency Opportunities with Taiwan Ministry of Education

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce a finalized memorandum of understanding with the Taiwan Ministry of Education (Taiwan MOE). This collaboration strengthens the NJDOE's mission to support schools, ensure all students have equitable access to high quality education, and implement New Jersey Student Learning Standards through joint projects between educators in Taiwan and the State of New Jersey and educational and academic exchanges in language education and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education fields.

### Key steps/actions

This collaboration means several educational initiatives are available for local educational agencies (LEAs):

- [Mandarin Chinese Language Teachers Program](#): provides highly qualified teachers of Mandarin Chinese (simplified and traditional) for dual language immersion, heritage language education, and/or world language programs in New Jersey schools. New Jersey LEAs who would like to interview candidates for positions available for the 2024-2025 school year should:
  - Demonstrate to the executive county superintendent the inability to locate a qualified teacher with the required certification for the position, pursuant to [N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-5.14](#) "Limited certificate for noncitizen teachers."
  - Submit an official request letter and the [Employing Mandarin Teacher from Taiwan - Information Form](#) (located at the bottom of the page) to the Education Division of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in New York at [newyork@mail.moe.gov.tw](mailto:newyork@mail.moe.gov.tw) by March 29, 2024.
  - The local County Office of Education can provide more information about the requirements of [N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-5.14](#). For additional guidance and support on hosting an international teacher, please contact [worldlang@doe.nj.gov](mailto:worldlang@doe.nj.gov).
- [Sister School Partnership](#): encourages elementary and secondary schools in Taiwan and the United States to seek suitable counterpart schools for language-learning and culture-related exchanges and collaboration. Schools can begin with cultural exchange programs and advance to cooperative teaching or online courses. Please submit an official request letter and the [School International Exchanges Form](#) (located at the bottom of the page) to the Education Division of TECO in New York. For more information, please contact the Education Division of TECO in New York at [newyork@mail.moe.gov.tw](mailto:newyork@mail.moe.gov.tw).
- [Foreign Student Short-term Mandarin Chinese Study Groups](#): Taiwan MOE will provide subsidies to the host institutions in Taiwan for covering partial living costs and program fees for student groups. The host institution will work with schools and teachers to develop programs and organize a group of at minimum 15 students to study Mandarin Chinese in Taiwan for 2-4 weeks. **The 2024 deadline to apply** is March 31, 2024; applications opened January 1, 2024.

- [Overseas Mandarin Chinese Language Teacher Training Program](#): Taiwan MOE will provide subsidies to the host institutions in Taiwan for covering partial living costs and program fees for teacher groups. The host institution will work with schools and teachers to develop programs and organize a group of 15-20 teachers who teach Mandarin Chinese in schools, colleges, or universities in the United States to visit Taiwan for two weeks for further professional training. **The 2024 deadline to apply** is March 31, 2024; **applications** opened January 1, 2024.
- [Taiwan Foreign English Teacher Program](#): invites talented teachers and language assistants from English-speaking countries to teach in Taiwan's public elementary and secondary schools. The **deadline to apply** is April 30, 2024; applications opened January 1, 2024. For more information, please email [tfetp.info@gmail.com](mailto:tfetp.info@gmail.com).

In forging this partnership with the Taiwan MOE, the NJDOE is pleased to propose educational opportunities for LEAs to support student learning.

For any questions, please contact the Office of Standards [standards@doe.nj.us](mailto:standards@doe.nj.us).

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