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Thinking About 2019 Certification? You Can Start Now!

The 2018 FRS-NJ certification cycle may be over, but unlike the transition from 2017 to 2018, there will be on minor differences between the 2018 and 2018 [Indicators of Future Readiness](#).

This means that the program has reached new territory where, although certification submissions will still be submitted for review and certification in a constrained time period, schools can begin using the 2018 indicators to prepare for 2019 certification submission!

As always, the [District Commitment](#) and [School Participation](#) phases of the program are rolling. The submission period for 2019 will begin at the 2019 FRS-NJ Certification Summit currently scheduled for [Digital Learning Day](#) on February 28th, 2019 and will close again on June 30th.

At that time, if earlier is not possible, updated indicators and tracking sheets will be released. There may be a few additional indicators to fill critical gaps, but most other updates will be focused on the addition of resources, certified school exemplars, and more minor fixes. Transitioning work done before that time will be relatively easy and quick.

Schools certified in either 2017 or 2018 at the Bronze Tier will be able to submit for 2019 Silver Tier certification, although we recommend allowing for more time to implement what you and your school(s) learned from the initial process. Gold Tier certification will not be made available until 2020 or beyond, depending on how long it takes to fully develop that tier.

If we can be of any support or service to your Future Ready efforts, let us know!

In the meantime, we hope to see you at education events around the state. We also hope to see you at [NJSBA's Workshop 2018](#), where we will be celebrating the 2018 certified schools and continuing the networking and collaboration in the FRS-NJ center on the exhibit floor that makes the FRS-NJ community so amazing!

See you soon and enjoy the rest of your summer!

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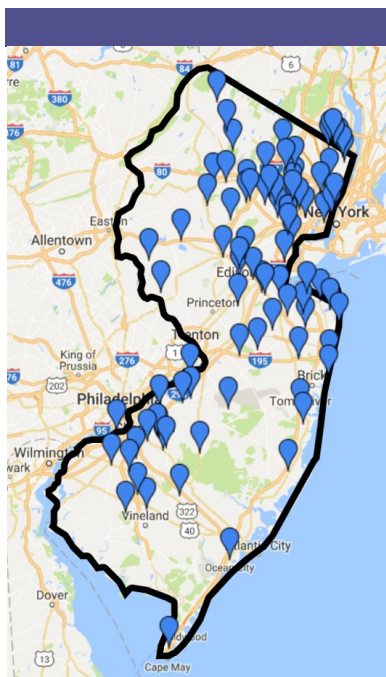
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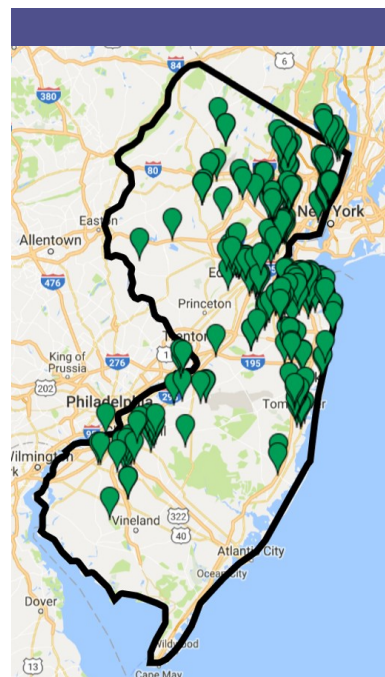
FRS-NJ By the Numbers

As of the date of publication, **94** NJ Districts have officially committed to support their schools' #FutureReady efforts (left).

From those districts, **265** schools have officially declared their participation in the program (right).

Find out which districts are committed, participating, and more on our new official [FRS-NJ Maps page!](#)

Is your school and district there?



Community News

[NJIT Offers New Jersey's First Undergraduate Forensic Science Program](#)

[The State of K-12 Makerspaces—and How to Create One in Your Library](#)

[Future Ready Schools Takes Free Personalized Learning PD to 5 Cities](#)

[NJIT Lecturer Uses Grant from Oculus to Study Virtual Learning Environments](#)

[Where Schools Need to Focus Their Ed Tech Efforts](#)

[The New Librarian: How to Build a Face-to-Face PLN in 3 Easy Steps](#)

[Get Ready, Get Set, GO: Bring on the 2018-19 school year!](#)

Want your news articles or blog posts featured in this section? Send them to us!

The New Jersey Virtual School and FRS-NJ

The [New Jersey Virtual School™](#) is a non-profit organization that delivers quality, online instruction to New Jersey middle and high school students in grades 6-12. Our core high school courses are approved annually by the NCAA. Advanced Placement courses are CollegeBoard approved each year and available during our fall term. Learn more about NJVS at <https://www.njvs.org/>

Every New Jersey Virtual School™ student is taught by a highly-qualified New Jersey certified teacher who interacts with students by providing extra help and encouragement to assist the student in successfully completing the course. Instructional pace levels can be modified by the teacher to differentiate instruction for students. Contact [Kelly Grotian](#) for more information.

How can NJVS™ help your school become Future Ready?

Leadership Theme Indicators

[Sustaining a Digital Learning Environment](#)
[Student Access to Technology Beyond the School Day](#)

Education and Classroom Practice Theme Indicators

[Digital Assessment](#)
[Digital Learning Tools and Content](#)
[Student-Driven, Self-Directed Learning](#)
[Computer Science](#)
[Blended Learning](#)
[Flexible Instruction Process](#)
[Extended Learning Outside the School Day](#)
[Student Personalized Learning Plans](#)



Middletown Township Public Schools presenting to a full crowd in the Future Ready Center at Workshop 2017

Community-Led Sessions to be Featured in FRS-NJ Center at Workshop 2018

At NJSBA's Workshop 2017 last October, Future Ready Schools - New Jersey was featured in the Future Ready center on the exhibit floor, where we hosted presentations by both the FRS-NJ team and FRS-NJ community members.

Due to the immense interest that packed the space for each sessions (as seen in the picture above) the NJSBA has generously provided a much larger space for the community to celebrate the 2018 certified schools and the community as a whole, as well as to host 7 sessions led purely by community members that submitted session proposals for this year.

Highlighted on page 4 are the confirmed and final community-led sessions that will be featured in the center. An abbreviated timetable of sessions and events is to the right. We hope that you will join us for one or more of these sessions, help celebrate the community's achievements, ask us questions about the program and 2019 updates, or just swing by to say hi to the FRS-NJ team!

Click here to learn more about [Workshop 2018](#)

FRS-NJ Sessions and Events at NJSBA's Workshop 2018

Tuesday, October 23rd

Future Ready Framework for All Students	9:30am-10:30
FRS-NJ Awards Ceremony	11:00am-12:15
Meet the FRS-NJ Chairs!	1:00pm-2:00
Deconstructing Walls Between Education and Technology	2:30pm-3:30

Wednesday, October 24th

@WeAreMPSD: The #FRSNewJersey Journey	9:30am-10:30
Checking in with your School Librarian	11:00am-12:00
Future Ready Coaching: Personalized Evaluation Model	1:00pm-2:00
Tools, Tips and Processes for Evaluating your Technology Plan/Projects	2:30pm-3:30

FRS-NJ Featured Sessions at Workshop 2018

Future Ready Framework for All Students



Oct. 23, 9:30-10:30

This workshop will show how the Weehawken Schools, a Future Ready District, uses the Future Ready framework as a roadmap for rapid innovation and change to meet the needs of #AllKids. We will share online tools, strategies, and successes with our programs.

@WeAreMPSD: The #FutureReadyNJ Journey



Oct. 24, 9:30-10:30

The Morris Plains School District began our Future Ready Schools-NJ journey in the Fall of 2016. Join us as we share our motivational "why" behind our journey, our process of becoming Future Ready Certified, and the direction that our district has taken as a result of the reflections and connections made through Future Ready Schools-NJ. We will share what our newest initiatives and focuses are as a learning community and the means by which we hope to achieve them. Future Ready Schools- NJ is not just a banner and a title, it is movement, an inspiration, and an experience that continues to foster innovation and excellence in the Morris Plains School District.

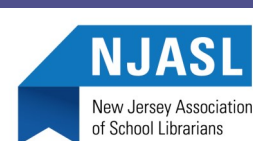
Meet the FRS-NJ Chairs!



Oct. 23, 1:00-2:00

2018 has been an incredible year for the NJ Future Ready Schools program. Come enjoy an opportunity to meet the three chairs of Future Ready Schools-NJ during this interactive panel discussion. All attendees will gain a better understanding of the Future Ready Schools program, certification requirements, and how it affects the strategic planning for your district.

Checking in with your School Librarian



Oct. 24, 11:00-12:00

School librarians are a unique and essential parts of your learning community. We are master teachers, collaborative partners, information specialists, instructional leaders, program administrators, and technology integrators. As an indispensable part of obtaining your Future Ready Certification, come learn how to include your librarian in your FRS leadership team and learn how they can serve your district for each FRS Task Force Theme.

Deconstructing Walls Between Education and Technology



Oct. 23, 2:30-3:30

Join us as we deconstruct the walls that often pose challenges within the school ecosystem separating educators and computer technicians. Come and learn how two Future Ready School districts in New Jersey are leveraging the skills and strengths of each side to create a daily climate of collaboration. All attendees will take back strategies to their district that can be implemented immediately and without cost.

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**Future Ready Coaching:
Personalized Evaluation
Model**

Oct. 24, 1:00-2:00



Have you ever considered taking a personalized approach to the AchieveNJ Teacher Evaluation model in order to empower, inspire, and challenge your teaching staff? Allow us the opportunity to share how Morris Plains has transformed our teacher observation/evaluation model into a meaningful and personalized coaching experience for our staff. This innovative practice includes teachers selecting an administrative coach, collaboratively developing individualized goals, frequent classroom visits, and coaching/conferencing sessions throughout the year. In Morris Plains we strive to make the relationship between coach and teacher both meaningful and relevant to improving practices. During this presentation we will share with you how we designed and implemented an innovative approach to teacher evaluation that has transformed our district.

**Tools, Tips and Processes
for Evaluating your
Technology Plan/Projects**

**FRANKLIN
TOWNSHIP**
Public Schools

Oct. 24, 2:30-3:30

In the workshop you will be exposed to various evaluation techniques and processes for reviewing district-level technology plans or technology projects/initiatives. Learn how to use free NJDOE and Future Ready Schools technology tools, Google surveys, technology walkthrough tools, project management tools and focus groups. You'll receive sample tools and will learn how these tools fit into a comprehensive and rigorous process for technology plan or project evaluation.

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Upcoming Community Events

TechSplash2018

August 1st, 2018
Marlboro, NJ

NJTEEA Summer

Bootcamp

August 14th, 2018
Madison, NJ

Hunterdon County

EdTechFest

August 15th, 2018
Flemington, NJ

SJDLP 2018

August 15th, 2018
Lindenwold, NJ

PL-SEA (Formerly Chromecamp)

August 17th, 2018
Linwood, NJ

EdCamp Jersey Shore

August 23rd, 2018
Monmouth U., NJ

EdSurge Fusion

October 2-4, 2018
Burlingame, CA

Pequannock Tech

Summit

October 5, 2018
Pequannock, NJ

East Brunswick

EdCamp Exit 9

October 6th, 2018
East Brunswick, NJ

EdCampHAT

October 13th, 2018
High Point Regional HS, NJ

Jersey Shore

MakerFest

October 20, 2018
Toms River, NJ

Edge.Con 2019

January 9-11, 2019
Long Branch, NJ

Digital Learning Day 2019

February 28, 2019
Celebrate with events in your school and district!

NJ Makers Day

March 22-23, 2019
See website for listing of event locations

Want to share your events with the FRS-NJ community?

Share them with by using the hashtag #FutureReadyNJ on Twitter or by emailing us at frs-nj@njit.edu!