

6. External audits according to N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1 et seq.;
7. Transportation contracts and services approvals according to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-2 and N.J.A.C. 6:21-16.1;
8. The status of mandated programs and services according to N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.1;
9. The certificated staff report according to N.J.A.C. 6:11;
10. The status of health and safety facilities reviews according to N.J.A.C. 6:22 and 6:53;
11. The board secretary's/treasurer's report according to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10; and
12. Other documents as required of specific districts by the Commissioner.

(b) The county superintendent shall notify each district board of education of its compliance in meeting the requirements in (a) above.

1. A district board of education that submits acceptable documentation shall receive no further intervention from the Department under (a) above.
2. A district board of education that submits unacceptable documentation shall receive technical assistance to correct the deficiencies. The technical assistance provided by the Department shall be coordinated by the county superintendent of schools.

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See: 32 N.J.R. 1712(a), 32 N.J.R. 3332(b).

In (a)8, updated N.J.A.C. reference.

6A:30-1.5 Identification of districts for certification evaluation

(a) The county superintendent of schools shall review the district board of education's performance for student achievement and behavior according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.4(a) and (c)2 and 6:8-3.1 to determine a district's eligibility for one of the following types of on-site evaluation:

1. Group 1: a desk audit and abbreviated on-site visit according to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-2.1(a);
2. Group 2: a full on-site visit according to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-2.2(a); or
3. Group 3: alternative evaluation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14.4 and N.J.A.C. 6A:30-2.3(a).

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See: 32 N.J.R. 1712(a), 32 N.J.R. 3332(b).

In (a) introductory paragraph, updated N.J.A.C. reference.

SUBCHAPTER 2. LEVEL I EVALUATION FOR SEVEN YEAR CERTIFICATION

6A:30-2.1 Requirement for Group 1 certification

(a) A district board of education that meets standards for student performance and behavior is designated as a Group 1 school district. The county superintendent shall conduct a desk audit of all reports and documents submitted annually to the county office and shall conduct an abbreviated on-site visit to determine a district's compliance with:

1. Implementation of the requirements to develop curricula according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1;
2. Development of an annual plan to implement core curriculum content standards according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1;
3. Evaluation of tenured and nontenured staff and development of professional improvement plans according to N.J.A.C. 6:3-4.1 and 4.3;
4. Implementation of a multi-year comprehensive maintenance plan according to N.J.A.C. 6:8;
5. Implementation of a uniform system of double entry bookkeeping and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) according to N.J.A.C. 6:20;
6. Implementation of controls to prevent the overexpenditure of any funds or yearly deficit in major accounts according to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10;
7. Correction of annual audit recommendations according to N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1 et seq.; and
8. Implementation of health and safety plans for all school buildings according to N.J.A.C. 6:22 and 6:53.

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See: 32 N.J.R. 1712(a), 32 N.J.R. 3332(b).

In (a)4, updated N.J.A.C. reference.

6A:30-2.2 Requirement for Group 2 certification

(a) A district board of education that does not meet the standards for student performance and behavior is designated as a Group 2 school district. The county superintendent shall conduct an on-site evaluation of each Group 2 district to determine the following:

1. Compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:30-2.1(a);
2. Completion of a QAAR according to N.J.A.C. 6:8-2.1;
3. The requirement to present the QAAR at a public regular district board of education meeting according to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-11;
4. Implementation of an educational plan according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.4;
5. Attainment of an average daily attendance rate according to N.J.A.C. 6:8-3.1;

6. Attainment of student performance standards and proficiency levels according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.4;
7. Attainment of a dropout rate according to N.J.A.C. 6:8-3.2;
8. Implementation of board approved substance abuse prevention program according to N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-1 and 2;
9. Employment of appropriate certificated personnel according to N.J.A.C. 6:11;
10. Implementation of a professional development plan according to N.J.A.C. 6:11-13.3, 13.4 and 13.5;
11. Transmission of accurate enrollment data according to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-33;
12. Administration of transportation services and contracts according to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1, 2 and 3 and N.J.A.C. 6:21-16;
13. Completion of a long range facility master plan according to N.J.A.C. 6:22-7.1;
14. Implementation of a plan to eliminate or upgrade substandard classrooms according to N.J.A.C. 6:22-6.1;
15. Approval of the temporary use of trailers according to N.J.A.C. 6:22-5.4;
16. Operation of all schools within a district without the use of split sessions according to N.J.A.C. 6:8-2.9(a)8v; and
17. The requirements of the following State and Federal programs, services and plans:
 - i. Multi-year equity according to N.J.A.C. 6:4-1.7;
 - ii. Bilingual education, English as a second language, English language services according to N.J.A.C. 6A:15;
 - iii. Early childhood programs according to N.J.A.C. 6:19-3;
 - iv. Demonstrably effective programs according to N.J.A.C. 6:19-4.;
 - v. Special education programs and services according to N.J.A.C. 6A:14;
 - vi. Districtwide technology plan according to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-11; and
 - vii. Discretionary and entitlement grant programs according to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-11.

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 In (a)2, 5 and 7, updated N.J.A.C. references.

6A:30-2.3 Requirements for Group 3 alternative certification

- (a) A Group 1 school district that meets the standards in student performance and attendance may elect an alternative program of evaluation according to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14.4.
- (b) A school district shall apply to the Commissioner through the county superintendent to use an alternative method of evaluation.
 1. The application shall identify the alternative evaluation model to be used by the district.
 2. The district shall submit a statement of assurance that there is a consensus between the school district and the majority representative of the school employees to participate in this alternative method of evaluation.
- (c) The Commissioner shall determine the approval or disapproval of the district's application pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14.4.

(d) A district approved to use an alternative method of evaluation shall provide documentation to demonstrate compliance with the approved model as well as documentation that will ensure compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:30-2.1.

6A:30-2.4 Certification procedures

- (a) The evaluation team identified in N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.3(b)4 shall meet with the chief school administrator and board secretary at an exit conference to review its findings and describe the next steps in the process.
- (b) The county superintendent of schools shall provide the chief school administrator and board secretary with written notification of the evaluation findings within 20 days after the exit conference. The notification of findings shall include:
 1. A written report completed by the evaluation team;
 2. A recommendation to the Commissioner regarding the district board of education's certification status according to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.3(b)4; and
 3. If applicable, future actions that the district board of education shall take according to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.3(b)4ii and iii.
- (c) Within 60 days of receipt of the written report, the district board of education shall discuss the findings of the evaluation team at a regular or special board meeting.
- (d) After the 60-day notification period, the Commissioner shall report the district's evaluation findings to the State Board.
 1. The State Board shall act on the recommendation for a district board of education's certification or conditional certification at a public meeting.

6A:30-2.5 Evaluation findings

(a) The Commissioner shall recommend to the State Board certification for seven years for each district board of education that meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:30-2.1, 2.2 or 2.3.

1. The Commissioner shall provide written notification to each district that the State Board approves the district for certification.

(b) The Commissioner shall grant conditional certification for each district that the county superintendent determines can correct the identified deficiencies without additional monitoring or technical assistance from the Department within a specified time period.