

## 2026 NEW JERSEY SCIENCE CONVENTION

The New Jersey Science Convention will be hosting its 50th Annual Convention on **Tuesday October 20 & Wednesday October 21, 2026** at the Princeton Marriott Forrester in Princeton, NJ. For the past 49 years this convention has provided professional development to thousands of NJ teachers. We are confident that NJSC 2026 will prove to again be a successful event. As a state convention, the New Jersey Science Convention is the only local science-based professional development opportunity for NJ K-12 classroom teachers.

In alignment with our theme for this year's convention **NJSC 2026: Fifty Years of Sparking Curiosity: Inspiring The Next Generation of Scientists**, we have identified several important strands as a guide for prospective presenters:

- **Strand I:** Curriculum and Assessment: All Standards for All Students: Effective Use of 3D Assessment to Gauge Student Learning
- **Strand II:** Science from the Classroom to the Community: Helping Students Recognize Their Own Potential to Effect Change
- **Strand III:** Science of the Real World: Providing students with an opportunity to problem solve and explore the real world application of new technologies
- **Strand IV:** Science in the Future: Diving Into AI and Its Uses, Concerns and Misconceptions, Teacher Support, Accessibility Tools
- **Strand V:** Supporting Elementary Teachers: Designing Meaningful Science Instruction for Elementary Learners
- **Strand VI: Leadership in Focus:** Classroom Vision to Systemic Impact, Curriculum and Assessment, Equity and Inclusion, Collaborative Systems, and Real World Connections

We also welcome sessions that address climate change and the exploration of local environmental problems, as well as the latest information on classroom resources.

In addition to presentations by experienced classroom teachers, NJSC 2026 will also host presentations by the NJDOE and college professors along with national speakers and presenters. The unique venue provides a level of interaction that allows teachers to connect with colleagues from schools all over New Jersey and maintain ongoing collaboration. In alignment with NJSL-S/NGSS, the NJ Science Convention provides K-12 science teachers with professional development that supports the type of science

teaching needed to prepare students for a competitive global society.

The members of the NJ Science Convention Steering Committee encourage districts to support their teachers by providing the opportunity for them to participate in NJSC 2026. We hope to see you in October!

If you have any questions, please contact either of the Executive Co-Chairs.

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