

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE  
HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

April 29, 2025

WHEREAS, the Bayonne Board of Education has set educational goals in accordance with the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the district-level goals, along with the district's strategic plan, help guide resource allocation and identify areas of focus in the district's planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year, the district reports on the progress toward achieving adopted goals and toward accomplishing the strategic plan objectives; and

WHEREAS, district-level goals are carefully considered and established each year, and it ensures everyone is familiar with the direction being set and has participated in setting that direction for the benefit of our students; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the mission of the Bayonne Board of Education is to serve the community by providing quality education for our students, through the adoption of the following district goals for the **2025-2026** school year:

<p>GOAL #1</p>	<p>"To enhance the educational experience of our ninth-grade students by implementing a comprehensive reorganization of THE Bayonne High School. This initiative will expand access to diverse academic and vocational pathways, including fine and performing arts, honors and scholars programs, business education, and career and technical education. By fostering personalized learning opportunities and career-oriented tracks, we aim to empower students with the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary for future success."</p> <p><b>Key Components of the Goal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Focus on 9th Grade:</b> This explicitly targets the crucial transition year, allowing for early intervention and exploration.</li> <li>• <b>Reorganization:</b> Implies a systemic change, not just isolated programs.</li> <li>• <b>Diverse Pathways:</b> Emphasizes the creation of opportunities in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fine and Performing Arts</li> <li>○ Honors and Scholars Programs</li> <li>○ Business</li> <li>○ Career and Technical education</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Early Exposure and Access:</b> Encourages providing students with opportunities to see and try these different paths early in their high school career.</li> </ul> <p>This goal provides a strong foundation for improving the 9th-grade experience and setting students on successful paths for their high school careers and beyond.</p>
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<p>GOAL #2</p>	<p>In New Jersey, starting with the 2025-2026 school year, districts must conduct literacy screenings at least twice annually for students in grades K-3 to identify and address reading deficiencies, notifying parents within 30 days of the screening.</p> <p>"By the end of the 2025-2026 school year; the Bayonne Public School District will fully implement the New Jersey mandate for twice-annual literacy screenings in grades K-3, achieving 100% compliance with screening administration and timely parent notification, and will demonstrate a measurable improvement in early literacy support"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mandate:</b> New Jersey law now mandates universal literacy screenings for students in kindergarten through third grade.</li> <li>• <b>Frequency:</b> Districts must conduct these screenings at least twice annually.</li> <li>• <b>Timing:</b> The screenings must begin in the 2025-2026 school year.</li> <li>• <b>Notification:</b> Districts must notify parents or guardians of their child's results within 30 days of the screening period.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose:</b> The screenings aim to identify students with reading difficulties early on, allowing for targeted interventions and support.</li> <li>• <b>Data Sharing:</b> School districts are required to share screening data with the New Jersey Department of Education.</li> <li>• <b>Legislation:</b> The legislation, S2644/A4303, was signed into law by Governor Murphy in August 2024.</li> </ul>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayonne Board of Education approves the District Goals for the 2025-2026 school year.

ADOPTED AT BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 29, 2025

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