



Future Ready Livingston

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A kindergartner in 2017 will graduate in 2030. What do we know about the world they will face when they leave our schools?

- 1) More than 50% of today's jobs won't exist – replaced primarily by jobs in technology and tech-enabled STEM fields
- 2) Using technology effectively to learn and work will be critical for college and career success
- 3) Technology will continue to influence and transform every aspect of society (politics, entertainment, business, communications, etc.)



What is Future Ready?

The Future Ready Schools project was created by the Alliance for Excellent Education to help school districts develop comprehensive plans to achieve successful student learning outcomes by:

- (1) transforming instructional pedagogy and practice while
- (2) simultaneously leveraging technology to personalize learning in the classroom.

Future Ready Schools helps district leaders plan and implement personalized, *research-based* digital learning strategies so all students can achieve their full potential. It is a belief that every student deserves a rigorous, *personalized learning* environment filled with caring adults and student agency.

The Framework

The Future Ready Framework provides the roadmap for a successful digital transformation. With student learning at the center, a district should align each of the seven (7) key categories, called gears, plus leadership, in order to implement and sustain successful digital learning.

The 7 Gears are as follows:

- *Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment*
- *Use of Space and Time*
- *Robust Infrastructure*
- *Data and Privacy*
- *Community Partnerships*
- *Personalized Professional Learning*
- *Budget and Resources*







The framework helps to provide the necessary outline which can be used for district technology planning with the goal of emphasizing **empowered** and **innovative leadership**, while keeping **personalized student learning** at the center of all decision-making.



FRS-NJ

Future Ready Schools – New Jersey (FRS-NJ) is a certification program designed to promote digital learning readiness in schools throughout New Jersey by providing guidance, support, direction, and resources to schools and districts. The program, a partnership of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) and New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), will help schools promote the skills, abilities, and capacities essential for success in college, career, and citizenship in a digital age.



Certification

The Future Ready Schools - New Jersey Certification Program is built on the foundation of the national Future Ready Framework, 'New Jersey-izing' it so that New Jersey districts, schools, educators, and leaders have a local support structure and framework for their efforts to best prepare students for success in college, career, and citizenship. By engaging in the program, districts gain the knowledge and foundation needed to support their schools' efforts to be certified as Future Ready and schools are provided with a framework, as well the support and the access to resources that they need to be certified Future Ready.



Steps

The Commitment Phase: In order for a district to be recognized as Future Ready Committed, districts will have to implement and submit the following items:

1. Sign the Future Ready Pledge 
2. Enact a Board Resolution
3. Establish the District-Level Future Ready team
4. Submit the Commitment Pre-Application



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The Certification Phase: Once a district has successfully committed to being Future Ready, schools can begin submitting evidence of their success in [indicators of Future Readiness](#) based upon the Future Ready framework which has been adapted by the Future Ready Schools – NJ task forces.

1. Establish a School-Level Future Ready Team
2. Sign and Submit the [School Participation Letter](#)
3. Develop an Action Plan for Certification
4. Implement Actions to Achieve Success in Future Ready Schools - NJ Indicators
5. Submit Evidence of Success in Future Ready Schools - NJ Indicators