



Pascack Valley Regional

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

WEBSITE BOARD OF EDUCATION CURRICULUM CALENDAR

September 15, 2017

Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley earn “Future Ready Schools - NJ” Certification



On Friday, September 15, both [Pascack Hills](#) and [Pascack Valley](#) High Schools were designated and certified as “Future Ready Schools.” Our [Pascack Valley Regional High School District](#) schools are among the first cohort in the State to earn this designation.

[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 our schools promote the skills, abilities, and capacities essential for success in college, career, and citizenship in a digital age (Source: <http://www.frsnj.org/about>).

The Pascack Valley Regional High School District has been active with the [Future Ready](#) initiative from inception. On November 19, 2014, Superintendent of Schools Mr. P. Erik Gundersen attended a [League of Innovative Schools](#) summit at the White House, where the Future Ready initiative was announced. At the summit, President Barack Obama hosted an initial pledge signing, where Mr. Gundersen committed that our district would be a part of this program.

In the subsequent years, the Future Ready Certification program was developed at the state level. FRS-NJ established a task force to develop rigorous criteria assuring schools met the [7 gears of the Future Ready Framework](#) and in the spring of 2017, schools were invited to apply for certification. Given the comprehensive documentation required of our curricular and technology programs, Dr. Barry Bachenheimer (Regional Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment) and Mr. Paul Zeller (Director of Instructional Technology) prepared and submitted the application prior to June 15.

In a statement, Gundersen said, “The Pascack Valley Regional High School District is proud to be recognized as appropriately using technology to assist students in becoming better prepared for what they will experience beyond high school. Future Ready Initiative has benefited our district, and we look forward to continuing our growth and sharing our experiences with colleagues from around New Jersey.”

The Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley High Schools will be publicly recognized at the New Jersey School Boards Annual Workshop Conference on October 24. The district is proud of this designation and is appreciative of the continued support from our Board of Education and community.