

# The Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP) & Tertiary Education Strategy (TES)

The Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP) and the Tertiary Education Strategy (TES) are issued under the Education and Training Act 2020.

The NELP must be consistent with the objectives for education. These are: helping children and young people to attain their educational potential; preparing young

people for participation in civic and community life and for work, and promoting resilience, determination, confidence, creative and critical thinking, good social skills and the ability to form good relationships; and helping children and young people to appreciate diversity, inclusion and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The TES must set out the Government's long-term strategic direction for tertiary education, including economic, social, and environmental goals, and the development aspirations of Māori and other population groups.

One of the purposes of the Act is to establish and regulate an education system that honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi and

supports Māori-Crown relationships. Section 9 sets out the main provisions of the Act in relation to the Crown's responsibility to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. These provisions include obligations in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi for school boards, tertiary education institutions and education agencies.

<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<p><b>OBJECTIVE 1</b></p> <p><b>LEARNERS AT THE CENTRE</b></p> <p>Learners with their whānau are at the centre of education</p>	<p><b>OBJECTIVE 2</b></p> <p><b>BARRIER FREE ACCESS</b></p> <p>Great education opportunities and outcomes are within reach for every learner</p>	<p><b>OBJECTIVE 3</b></p> <p><b>QUALITY TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP</b></p> <p>Quality teaching and leadership make the difference for learners and their whānau</p>	<p><b>OBJECTIVE 4</b></p> <p><b>FUTURE OF LEARNING AND WORK</b></p> <p>Learning that is relevant to the lives of New Zealanders today and throughout their lives</p>	<p><b>OBJECTIVE 5</b></p> <p><b>WORLD CLASS INCLUSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION</b></p> <p>New Zealand education is trusted and sustainable</p>
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<b>PRIORITIES</b>	<p><b>1</b> Ensure places of learning are safe, inclusive and free from racism, discrimination and bullying</p>	<p><b>3</b> Reduce barriers to education for all, including for Māori and Pacific learners/ākonga, disabled learners/ākonga and those with learning support needs</p>	<p><b>5</b> Meaningfully incorporate te reo Māori and tikanga Māori into the everyday life of the place of learning</p>	<p><b>7</b> Collaborate with industries and employers to ensure learners/ākonga have the skills, knowledge and pathways to succeed in work</p>	<p><b>8</b> Enhance the contribution of research and mātauranga Māori in addressing local and global challenges (TES ONLY)</p>
	<p><b>2</b> Have high aspirations for every learner/ākonga, and support these by partnering with their whānau and communities to design and deliver education that responds to their needs, and sustains their identities, languages and cultures</p>	<p><b>4</b> Ensure every learner/ākonga gains sound foundation skills, including language*, literacy and numeracy</p>	<p><b>6</b> Develop staff to strengthen teaching, leadership and learner support capability across the education workforce</p>		

\* Oral language encompasses any method of communication the learner/ākonga uses as a first language, including New Zealand sign language

The NELP and TES are statutory documents enabled by the Education and Training Act 2020 that set out the Government's priorities for education. This document forms both the NELP (priorities 1-7) and the TES (priorities 1-8).

Some aspects of these priorities will be more applicable to one sector than others.

The NELP is designed to guide those who govern licensed early learning services, ngā kōhanga reo, schools and kura.

In particular, licensed early learning services are required to have regard to the NELP as part of the Governance, Management and Administration (GMA) Standard. Boards of schools and kura must have particular regard to the NELP, including when developing or renewing their charters.

The TES sets the direction for tertiary education. Tertiary Education Organisations are required to show how they have regard for the TES. The Tertiary Education Commission must give effect to the TES, and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority must have regard for the TES.

# Implementation of the Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities in schools and kura



The Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (the NELP) is a set of priorities designed to guide those who govern schools and kura (state, state integrated, and private), to focus their day-to-day work on things that will have a significant positive impact for children and young people. The priorities can be used alongside their own local priorities, and in conjunction with delivering a rich local curriculum, to help every learner/ākonga to progress and achieve their aspirations.



Boards of schools and kura must have particular regard to the NELP, including when developing or renewing their charters, for example by ensuring their strategic goals align to the NELP priorities.

Managers of private schools must have regard to the NELP in the operation of their school, and ensure that the school's principal and staff have regard to the NELP when developing and delivering the curriculum.

On 1 January 2023 the National Education Goals (NEGs) and National Administration Guidelines (NAGs) will be replaced by a new strategic planning and reporting framework. This framework will have a clear link to the NELP, and governing bodies will have to report on their engagement with the priorities in their strategic plans. More information on this will be provided closer to the time.

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## LEARNERS AT THE CENTRE

Learners with their whānau are at the centre of education

## BARRIER FREE ACCESS

Great education opportunities and outcomes are within reach for every learner

## QUALITY TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP

Quality teaching and leadership make the difference for learners and their whānau

## FUTURE OF LEARNING AND WORK

Learning that is relevant to the lives of New Zealanders today and throughout their lives

## WORLD CLASS INCLUSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION

New Zealand education is trusted and sustainable

Actions for schools and kura

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<p>Ensure places of learning are safe, inclusive and free from racism, discrimination and bullying</p>	<p>Have high aspirations for every learner/ākonga, and support these by partnering with their whānau and communities to design and deliver education that responds to their needs, and sustains their identities, languages and cultures</p>	<p>Reduce barriers to education for all, including for Māori and Pacific learners/ākonga, disabled learners/ākonga and those with learning support needs</p>	<p>Ensure every learner/ākonga gains sound foundation skills, including language, literacy and numeracy</p>	<p>Meaningfully incorporate te reo Māori and tikanga Māori into the everyday life of the place of learning</p>	<p>Develop staff to strengthen teaching, leadership and learner support capability across the education workforce</p>	<p>Collaborate with industries and employers to ensure learners/ākonga have the skills, knowledge and pathways to succeed in work</p>	<p>Enhance the contribution of research and mātauranga Māori in addressing local and global challenges (TES ONLY)</p>
<p>Ask learners/ākonga, whānau and staff about their experience of racism, discrimination and bullying, and use that information to reduce these behaviours</p> <p>Have processes in place to promptly address and resolve any complaints or concerns about racism, discrimination and bullying</p> <p>Create a safe and inclusive culture where diversity is valued and all learners/ākonga and staff, including those who identify as LGBTQIA+, are disabled, have learning support needs, are neurodiverse, or from diverse ethnic communities, feel they belong</p>	<p>Partner with family and whānau to equip every learner/ākonga to build and realise their aspirations</p> <p>Help staff to build their awareness of bias and low expectations, and of how these impact learners/ākonga, staff and whānau</p> <p>Identify and respond to learner/ākonga strengths, progress and needs, and learner/ākonga and whānau aspirations</p> <p>Build relationships with Māori, involve them in decision making, and partner with them to support rangatiratanga, and Māori educational success as Māori</p> <p>Collaborate with Māori communities to invest in, develop and deliver Māori-medium learning</p>	<p>Work with whānau and Pacific families to identify and understand barriers that may prevent learners/ākonga from accessing, participating or remaining engaged in schooling, and work to address them</p> <p>Ensure disabled learners/ākonga and staff, those with learning support needs, gifted learners/ākonga, and neurodiverse learners/ākonga are safe and included in their school or kura, their needs are supported, and that learning support programmes are robust and effective</p> <p>Where possible, reduce non-fee costs, including costs associated with BYOD<sup>2</sup> policies, and take advantage of policies to reduce financial dependence on families and whānau</p>	<p>Ensure all learners/ākonga have ongoing opportunities to develop key capabilities, including communication, problem solving, critical thinking and interpersonal skills</p> <p>Identify learners/ākonga who are not making sufficient progress in key foundation skills, and adjust learning opportunities, teaching approaches and supports, including seeking additional support from specialists</p> <p>Value the heritage languages spoken by Pacific learners/ākonga, and provide opportunities to use and to build on them</p>	<p>Seek advice from Māori on how best to include tikanga Māori in values, practices and organisational culture</p> <p>Use development opportunities for teachers/kaiako and leaders to build their teaching capability, knowledge and skills in te reo Māori and tikanga Māori</p> <p>Talk with learners/ākonga and staff about why correct pronunciation of te reo Māori is important, and provide them with opportunities to learn and practice without judgement</p>	<p>Identify gaps in teaching capability and invest in opportunities for teachers/kaiako and staff to strengthen teaching, leadership and learning support</p> <p>Develop teacher/kaiako confidence and competence to teach diverse learners/ākonga with varying needs, and to appropriately modify teaching approaches</p> <p>Expect and support teachers/kaiako to build their understanding of learners'/ākonga contexts, including languages spoken at home, histories, stories and cultural values, to provide culturally responsive teaching</p>	<p>Support learners/ākonga to see the connection between what they're learning and the world of work</p> <p>Break down ethnic, gender and socioeconomic stereotypes around education and career pathways, including for girls and young women</p> <p>Collaborate with industries, employers and tertiary education providers to plan for successful transitions to enable all learners/ākonga to succeed in education</p>	

<sup>2</sup> Bring your own device.

# Implementation of the Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities in schools and kura (continued)


**Actions Government is taking that support the implementation of the NELP in schools and kura**

OBJECTIVE 1		OBJECTIVE 2		OBJECTIVE 3		OBJECTIVE 4	OBJECTIVE 5
LEARNERS AT THE CENTRE		BARRIER FREE ACCESS		QUALITY TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP		FUTURE OF LEARNING AND WORK	WORLD CLASS INCLUSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION
Learners with their whānau are at the centre of education		Great education opportunities and outcomes are within reach for every learner		Quality teaching and leadership make the difference for learners and their whānau		Learning that is relevant to the lives of New Zealanders today and throughout their lives	New Zealand education is trusted and sustainable
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<p>Ensure places of learning are safe, inclusive and free from racism, discrimination and bullying</p>	<p>Have high aspirations for every learner/ākonga, and support these by partnering with their whānau and communities to design and deliver education that responds to their needs, and sustains their identities, languages and cultures</p>	<p>Reduce barriers to education for all, including for Māori and Pacific learners/ākonga, disabled learners/ākonga and those with learning support needs</p>	<p>Ensure every learner/ākonga gains sound foundation skills, including language, literacy and numeracy</p>	<p>Meaningfully incorporate te reo Māori and tikanga Māori into the everyday life of the place of learning</p>	<p>Develop staff to strengthen teaching, leadership and learner support capability across the education workforce</p>	<p>Collaborate with industries and employers to ensure learners/ākonga have the skills, knowledge and pathways to succeed in work</p>	<p>Enhance the contribution of research and mātauranga Māori in addressing local and global challenges (TES ONLY)</p>
<p>Delivering Te Hurihanganui to address racism, strengthen equity and accelerate Māori educational achievement and wellbeing</p> <p>Implement the actions committed to in the Action Plan for Pacific Education</p> <p>Investing in and supporting the development of programmes and pathways for learning in Pacific languages</p> <p>Amend the Education Act to make it clear that providing an emotionally and physically safe environment is a key objective of boards of schools and kura</p> <p>Introduce a mandatory code of conduct for boards of schools and kura to support good governance</p> <p>Providing tools and guidance, such as Not Part of My World toolkit, to confront and eliminate racism</p> <p>Refreshing the Relationship and Sexuality Education Guidelines in the New Zealand Curriculum</p> <p>Investing \$78.5 million over four years to fund greater access to mental health and wellbeing support services for primary and secondary learners/ākonga</p> <p>Allocating \$50 million to provide immediate support for wellbeing issues for learners/ākonga in early learning services, schools and kura, as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown, or lockdown-related hardships</p> <p>Working with Netsafe to provide the Netsafe Schools Programme</p> <p>Supporting the Keep It Real Online multimedia campaign</p> <p>Providing resources for teachers/kaiako through The Respectful Relationships toolkit</p> <p>Establishing Curriculum Leads to support early learning services, schools and kura with the teaching of mental health and healthy relationships and promote learner/ākonga wellbeing</p>	<p>Investing in professional learning and development to raise critical consciousness and support cultural capabilities, including Te Hurihanganui</p> <p>Implementing Toikuranui to develop local education Initiatives with iwi, and Pae Aronui to support great partnerships between whānau and education services.</p> <p>Deliver locally focused PLD priorities, with a focus on cultural capability, inclusion and critical consciousness</p> <p>Developing professional learning resources based on the Tapasā: Cultural competencies framework for teachers of Pacific learners</p> <p>Deliver Talanoa Ako programme to support Pacific families</p> <p>Supporting the development of programmes and pathways for learning in Pacific languages</p> <p>Amend the Education Act to require boards to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi as one of their key objectives</p> <p>Developing tools for rich records of learning to capture aspirations, strengths and learning progress</p> <p>Developing a national learning support network plan to support learners/ākonga with additional needs to transition in education</p> <p>Strengthening the Māori-medium pathway in partnership with Māori to ensure the education system is responsive to meeting the needs and aspirations of ākonga Māori and their whānau</p> <p>Updating the National Curricula so Aotearoa New Zealand histories will be taught in all schools and kura</p> <p>Strengthening how The New Zealand Curriculum supports schools to bring Te Tiriti o Waitangi to life in local curriculum</p>	<p>Funding innovative Pacific education initiatives that respond to curriculum and wellbeing needs exacerbated by COVID-19</p> <p>Funding Pacific community organisations and groups to respond to the education and wellbeing needs of Pacific families and support strong relationships with education providers</p> <p>Establishing a joint initiative between Education, Health and Social Development to support Pacific families to access the services they need to thrive</p> <p>Amend the Education Act to provide for the establishment of disputes resolution panels</p> <p>Amend the Education Act to shift responsibility for the development and consultation of enrolment schemes to the Ministry of Education</p> <p>School Donations Scheme</p> <p>Fees-free NCEA</p> <p>School Lunch programme</p> <p>Free access to sanitary products</p> <p>School Property Strategy 2030</p> <p>Review of alternative education, and of the stand-downs, suspensions, exclusions and expulsion (SSEE) guidelines</p> <p>Reviewing existing supports for children and young people with high levels of need, and by fully participating in the Learning Support Delivery Model</p> <p>Support schools and kura to ensure appropriate qualifications and awards are in reach for all learners/ākonga</p> <p>NCEA change: Special Assessment Conditions</p> <p>Support coherent secondary/tertiary learning pathways, achievement, and transition to employment</p>	<p>Providing high quality Māori-medium education, including developing a long-term Education Workforce Strategy and Rāngai Māori, a Network Plan, and reviewing funding rates.</p> <p>Establish a nationally-based Curriculum Centre to enable effective delivery of the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa</p> <p>Developing tools to support kaiako and teachers' understanding of children's learning progress, including for early learning, school and kura entry assessment, and social-emotional learning along the pathways</p> <p>Supporting implementation of the digital technologies/hangarau matihiko curriculum</p> <p>Renew the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa to make clear the learning that is too important to leave to chance</p> <p>Implement the NCEA Change Package to strengthen literacy and numeracy requirements, and strengthen supports along the pathways</p>	<p>Allocating \$200 million to support ākonga Māori and whānau to reconnect and succeed in education post COVID-19 and strengthen the integration of te reo Māori into all students' learning</p> <p>Strengthening the delivery of Māori Language in Education, including support for the education workforce, resource development, and information for learners/ākonga and their whānau</p> <p>Delivering Kauwhata Reo, the online hub for te reo Māori resources, and the development of localised te reo Māori curriculum resources through Te Aho Ngārahu</p> <p>Amend the Education Act to require school boards to take all reasonable steps to provide Te Reo Māori</p> <p>Implement Ka Hikitia and develop skills and capacity in the education workforce</p> <p>Work closely with Māori-medium leaders to invest in Māori-Medium pathways</p> <p>Strengthen how Te Marautanga o Aotearoa reflects te ao Māori approaches to education while continuing to reflect what Māori deem to be important for their children and young people</p> <p>Implement the NCEA Change Package to support parity for mātauranga Māori and increasing opportunities to follow Māori-medium pathways</p>	<p>Extending Te Ahu o te reo Māori to support the education workforce to integrate te reo Māori into their practice</p> <p>Expanding the delivery of Tautai o le Moana, an educational leadership collaboration which seeks to strengthen the capabilities of those in leadership, to improve outcomes and support the wellbeing of Pacific learners/ākonga</p> <p>Deliver evidence-based, targeted, intensive Developing Mathematical Communities of Inquiry (DMIC) to schools with high numbers of Pacific learners/ākonga</p> <p>Introducing mechanisms to improve school board of trustee skills and accountability, including mandatory training and a code of conduct</p> <p>Advice on strengthening collaborative networks across the system, including any changes to Kāhui Ako</p> <p>Enabling principal eligibility criteria</p> <p>Establish a Leadership Centre within the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand</p> <p>Resetting national priorities for PLD to focus on core curriculum capabilities and assessment approaches that enable a more inclusive and equitable education system</p> <p>Providing funding for teacher aides to access professional learning</p>	<p>Develop tools and information to support learners/ākonga to have a personalised career pathway that allows them to move between education and employment, and that supports displaced workers</p> <p>Implement NCEA Change Package to enhance education pathways for learners/ākonga, and support their transition into further education and employment</p> <p>Supporting learners/ākonga post-school through the School Leavers Toolkit</p> <p>Valuing vocational education pathways by awarding the Prime Minister's Vocational Education Awards</p>	