

**The Amistad Commission’s Teacher Leader Planning Committee**

The goal of the **Amistad Commission’s Teacher Leader Planning Committee** is to screen and select model/exemplary lessons for educators in New Jersey. The goal is to make these lessons available to all New Jersey educators and students.

.

**The committee will consist of 25 highly qualified teachers (HQT) divided into five (5) groups by grade level.**

* **Group 1** Primary Grades: Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades (K-2)
* **Group 2** Intermediate Grades: Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades (3-5)
* **Group 3** Middle School Grades: Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades (6-8)
* **Group 4** High School Grades: Ninth, Tenth Eleventh, and Twelfth Grades (9-12)
* **Group 5** Historical Accuracy Panel: Final review to authenticate the accuracy of K-12 selected lesson plans.

**Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) Criteria**

* Holds at least a bachelor’s degree from a four-year institution,
* Holds standard New Jersey state teacher certification and demonstrates competence in each core academic subject the teacher instructs.

**Individuals interesting on serving on Group 5, the *Historical Accuracy Panel*:**

* A doctorate in *History* or *African American Studies* preferred or completing a doctoral program in

American or African American History. Others will be considered based on their level of experience and accomplishments.

**Duties of the Amistad Commission’s Teacher Leader Planning Committee:**

* Committee members will serve for a one-year term, at least.
* One person per group will serve as the group chair and vice chair for at least one year.
* Groups will meet virtually (twice a month) to discuss model lessons submitted to the Amistad Office. They will also assist in the planning of Amistad Commission’s activities, events and professional developments, etc.
* Committee members will be expected to assist Amistad staff in providing professional development or in-service workshops in their respective school districts.
* **Committee members *will be responsible for selecting student projects for the Amistad Commission’s Special Award from the National History Day Contest.***
* **Committee Chairs or vice chair committee** will present at the *Amistad Summer Curriculum Institute for educators.*
* Committee members will screen applications for the Amistad Commission’s Exemplary Award.
* **Planning and participation in the Amistad Commission’s New Jersey African American History Day Contest. (Forth & Fifth Grades.)**

**Each member of the Lesson Plan Committee will receive a $1,000 award for a year of service from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.** If you are interested in serving on one of the above committees, please email a cover letter and resume and indicate your preferences regarding an assigned committee to: Trevor.Melton@doe.nj.gov **before September 19, 2024.**

The Amistad Commission 100 Riverview Plaza, PO Box 500 Trenton, NJ 08625-0500



Dr. Patrick Lamy

Executive Director

The Amistad Commission

State of New Jersey, Department of Education