



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- NHED recently released its updated **State Report Card**. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to annually publish assessment and accountability data via their Report Cards at the state, district and school levels. [iReport](#) provides a snapshot of various measures of school performance.
- Taking home the coveted Granite Skillet trophy, the culinary arts team from Dover Regional Career Technical Center won the **Granite Skillet** 2022 MRE Challenge last week. Other winners are showcased [here](#).
- NHED recently launched its third year of **ReKINDling Curiosity** – hoping to ensure that every child who wants to attend a fun and engaging summer camp this year has the opportunity. Please share this [flyer](#) with families, which outlines scholarship and eligibility information.
- **SAFE Grant** update. The deadline for public schools to upload fully signed GANs for the second round of SAFE Grant awards is Feb. 1. Non-public schools will receive an updated GAN deadline early next week. Contact NHED’s new SAFE Grants Administrator, Chris Armatys, at Krzysztof.j.armatys@doe.nh.gov with questions.
- Feb. 12-18 is **Random Acts of Kindness Week** and Feb. 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. To celebrate, NHED has created a [special certificate](#) for school leaders to distribute to students caught performing a random act of kindness.
- NHED is pleased to announce the **Nita M. Lowey 21st Community Learning Centers Program** Title IV, Part B [2023-2024 Request for Application](#). The grant funds are intended to assist LEAs, community organizations, and faith-based organizations with the creation of community learning centers providing academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low performing schools.
- Training course available! AWR-148 **Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents** – Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems will take place on March 7 in Concord. It is designed to educate rural law enforcement personnel and school administrators on the elements that must be in place to effectively respond to an emergency at a school building. More information [here](#).

- NEA-New Hampshire is inviting educators to its **2023 New and Aspiring Teacher Conference** on Feb. 11. This will be an informal conference offering 5.25 CEU hours; it is specifically geared for teacher preparation candidates and early educators in their first few years of their careers. More details are available [here](#).
- The Children's Literacy Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2023-2024 **Year of the Book grant**, which provides \$25,000 worth of literacy programs, support, author visits, and new books over one school year. Open to preK-6 public schools in VT and NH with at least 35% free/reduced lunch and at least 30% of students scoring below proficient on reading/writing assessments. Applications are due by March 1; more info [here](#).
- Looking for ready-to-use informational text-based lessons? Try **Learning Blade's** standards-aligned STEM/CS/CTE lessons and encourage students to read across the disciplinary silos while exposing them to STEM technologies and careers. Sign up for your free account [here](#).
- Please share with families in the autism community. Free **sensory friendly play dates** are available at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover. Hands-on playtime is available for ages 0-12 years, with limited visitors, lights and music turned down, and other accommodations available. Reserve spots online [here](#).
- NHED and Tutor.com have partnered to provide 24/7 online **tutoring for students in grades 6-12** throughout the state. School districts are being encouraged to [register](#) for Tutor.com's free access for their students. This program meets all data privacy requirements and you do not want to keep your students from this great opportunity.
- NHED has partnered with **Graduation Alliance** to provide 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success during the school year. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach at no cost. Contact erin.luper@graduationalliance.com for more details.
- The **New Hampshire Science and Engineering Expo Association** is the recipient of a grant for The Advancing Science/STEM Research Teaching Program. ASRT is a 4.5 day-long, in-person, professional development workshop focused on curriculum design, activities and guides to support high school teachers involved in providing science/STEM research opportunities for their students. There are 20 slots available for the program, which is being offered in late August. Contact Deb Schuh at debschuh@gmail.com for more information.
- Interested in becoming a **teacher of students with visual impairments**? Join UMass Boston Vision Studies Program faculty for a webinar at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 31 to learn more. Sign up [here](#).
- Schoolhouse is once again offering its four-week **SAT Bootcamps** this spring. Registration for the virtual tutoring program opens on Monday at this [link](#). The bootcamps aim to prepare students for the upcoming SAT exam.

- Public schools are eligible to apply for one of the Elkey **water bottle filling stations**, ensuring that students have access to free drinking water throughout the day. Contact Scot Foster at DHHS, scot.foster@dhhs.nh.gov, for more details and an easy grant application form.

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