



Friday Forum

February 2, 2024

- For educators interested in participating, [content review sessions for the 306 rules](#) have been scheduled. Two days of sessions are being planned for different regions of the state, and specific content areas are scheduled to be reviewed on select days.
- NHED's Bureau of Instructional Support has released the 2024-2025 [Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program \(21st CCLC\) Title IV, Part B grant application](#). The program will award **grants to LEAs**, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, public-private organizations or a consortium of these, to provide opportunities for communities to establish or expand activities in community learning centers and provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low performing schools.
- The Office of ESEA Title Programs is eager to announce the upcoming [2024 Spring ESEA Title Programs Conference](#) scheduled for March 26-27. Join us in exploring a broad array of session topics as they relate to **ESEA Title Programs**. Registration is required by March 1.
- **SAT bootcamps** are now available for students! Schoolhouse launched [registration](#) for its March SAT Bootcamps in preparation for the March 9 SAT exam. For the first time, these free bootcamps will also be catering to the new Digital SAT. Students and their parents may register in advance by Feb. 7.
- Praised as a model for states across the country, New Hampshire's expanding **Education Freedom Account program** is being [recognized](#) as a superstar among alternative education choice initiatives throughout the country.
- The [UNH Tech for Teachers Institute](#) is a dynamic, paid professional development program open to middle and high school teachers from across all STEM subject areas. The focus of the program is two-fold: Building knowledge of an emerging technology – this year **regenerative medicine and biofabrication** – and the transformation of instructional practice through project-based learning. The Institute will take place July 15-26 at the UNH Durham campus. Upon completion, participants will receive a \$1,500 award, CEUs, classroom supplies and ongoing support from UNH faculty and graduate students.
- The **NH Access Summit** is a two-day, in-person convening of P-20 educators and students with the purpose of disseminating information, updates and resources that impact all NH students and their access to a postsecondary pathway and are critical to increasing high

school graduation as well as college and career matriculation rates. Educators will hear from both educators and students on what's working in our colleges, universities and K-12 schools and what still needs to be done. The summit will take place June 12-13 at the Grappone Center in Concord. RSVP [here](#).

- NHED's VR New Hampshire is hosting two **Social Security Disability – Youth Focused webinars** at 6 p.m. on Feb. 21 and 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 22. The webinars are open to anyone interested in learning about Social Security disability with a focus on the youth. The webinar will review applying for social security disability, age 18 redetermination, paid work-based learning experiences, work incentives for youth under age 22, and the Ticket to Work program. [Register here](#) or email stacy.k.venator@doe.nh.gov.
- NHED's Bureau of Adult Education is offering a free, online webinar – **High School Equivalency Information for Schools** – from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 8. [Registration](#) is still open. Topics include choosing between the HiSET and the GED, helping students to prepare for the test, completing the request for an age waiver, registering and paying for the test.
- Are you or someone you know looking to get a **Paraprofessional II licensure**? NHTI-Concord's Community College is offering an 8-week online portfolio course from March 18 to May 10. This online course is structured to individualize your needs while providing support to meet state requirements. Successful completion of the course will result in a recommendation for a Paraprofessional II license and 3 credits from NHTI – Concord's Community College. Funding may be available through your district. Register [here](#) or contact clucero@ccsnh.edu.
- [Cognia Reads](#) is a no-cost program designed to excite students about reading. Dave Smith, an educator for 38 years, is available as a guest speaker to help energize and motivate **literacy within schools**. Interested schools may email david.smith@cognia.org.
- NHED is sponsoring a **research project on student wellbeing and play** in public elementary schools with child development researchers in the Boston College School of Social Work. The aim of the research project is to implement and evaluate two no-cost, school-based programs, [Let Grow](#) and [Play Club](#), during the 2023-2024 academic year. The research will also measure student social, emotional and cognitive development. Superintendents and school principals interested in learning more may email Dr. Maggie Van Camp, associate researcher, at vancampm@bc.edu to set up a meeting.

Resources for Educators

- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#), essay drop-off and test prep services for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.
- **College Guidance Network** offers all NH high school counselors, students and families free access to its [on-demand college and career resources](#).
- **Graduation Alliance** provides 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.

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