



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- NHED is pleased to announce that 88 recent high school graduates from 17 schools have earned the prestigious [New Hampshire Seal of Biliteracy award](#).
- This week, NWEA released a new [study](#) tracking the impact of **pandemic disruptions** on academic gains and achievement levels for students nationwide, revealing that progress toward full recovery has stalled.
- NHED will host a training webinar from 2-3 p.m. on Aug. 30 to review the **FY24 Adequacy Formula**; the State budget makes several changes that impact education funding. Register [here](#) for the training webinar.
- The U.S. Department of Education has issued its 2023 determination for New Hampshire under sections 616 of the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act** (IDEA). The document is available [here](#).
- Please be aware that [House Bill 170](#) amends the current law to make the **teaching of cursive writing and the instruction of multiplication tables** mandatory rather than permissive. Instruction in both cursive writing and multiplication tables must be completed by the end of fifth-grade. This requirement is applicable to both public schools and chartered public schools.
- NHED is resuming its **school approval facility review** for SY 2023-2024. Correspondence will be emailed in phases to all schools scheduled for inspections during this cycle. In addition, the updated facility approval review schedule is located [here](#). Contact marlon.s.austin@doe.nh.gov with questions.
- NHED is sponsoring a **Wellbeing and Play in Schools** free webinar series, including this [virtual presentation](#) on Playful Learning and Cultural Contexts at 7:30 p.m. on July 25.
- Educational leaders, please share [this information](#) to males in your community ages 18-25, as they are required to be registered with the **Selective Service System**.
- NHED's **Bureau of Federal Compliance** [July newsletter](#) is available for viewing.

- There are several free **Search Institute** virtual [professional development](#) and in-person Train-the-Trainer events this summer hosted by NHED's Office of Social and Emotional Wellness.
- Deadline is Aug. 11! Applications have been reopened and documents have been updated for the [Stronger Connections Grant Opportunity](#) to support **safe learning environments**. LEAs must utilize the updated documents; applications will be considered incomplete if the old forms are used. Please be mindful that this grant is subject to equitable services, which must occur prior to the application submission.
- Summer is an important time to support students. NHED previously 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. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach at no cost – even during the summer months. Contact Christian Shiverdecker at 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- Online, 24/7 **tutoring** is available at no cost for students in grades 6-12 through a partnership with Tutor.com. Students may [register](#) here.

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