



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- Recent [assessment scores](#) are showing an acceleration of growth for New Hampshire students, which now highlights a slow, upward recovery trend for two consecutive years. New Hampshire's **preliminary performance scores** from 2023 indicate modest improvements across nearly every grade level in math and reading, except for eleventh-grade SAT scores.
- Continuing with its efforts to build literacy knowledge, NHED is pleased to partner with Credentials Unlimited to provide educators with the opportunity to earn valuable [micro-credentials](#) focused on the **Science of Reading**.
- The **Granite Gambit** program is available, at no cost, to NH schools through Sept. 30. The program covers professional development, training materials, classroom chess equipment and supplemental Internet-based training for student and teacher self-study. [Registration](#) is now open for the Aug. 1-4 Chess in Education Level certification course. [Registration](#) is also open for the Aug. 3-4 Chess in Education Level 2 certification course. Please use the 100% off coupon code: Granite 2023; class size is limited. Contact jerry@chessineducation.us.
- **Upcoming deadlines:** This is a friendly reminder to ensure timely submission and draw-down of funds set to expire on Sept. 30, including 2020-2021 CRRSA-ESSER II and several other federal grants that are ending. An email was sent to school leaders on Wednesday with specific details. Sept. 1 is the last day for LEAs to self-return or request return of grants for edits/additions, and Sept. 14 is the last day to submit changes in GMS for a grant. The grant period ends on Sept. 30, and Nov. 14 is the deadline to submit the final monthly report.
- This week, NHED emailed school leaders the **CRRSA Late Liquidation Template for ESSER II** and related guidance for any project funds requested to remain available past the grant obligation deadline of Sept. 30, 2023. The deadline for final submission of requests for late liquidation extension for CRRSA ESSER II funds is Oct. 31, 2023. For your final submission to be considered, the application and attachments must be fully completed and emailed to ESSER@doe.nh.gov; submission of the form (which is attached to this email) does not guarantee approval of the late liquidation extension request.
- NHED's **Office of Public School Innovation** oversees the implementation of NH Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Ed 1500, Innovation Schools. For more details, visit its new [webpage](#).

- [Registration](#) is now open for free **SAT bootcamps** from Schoolhouse.world for the Aug. 26 SAT exam. Bootcamps are a four-week commitment (July 28-Aug.24) with two virtual tutoring sessions per week. Please share this information with your students.
- 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.
- 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.
- There are several free **Search Institute** virtual [professional development](#) and in-person Train-the-Trainer events hosted in July and August by NHED's Office of Social and Emotional Wellness, including how to build developmental assets in school communities and more. Additional [trainings](#) are also available in September, including how to build a foundation of trust with parenting adults, among others.
- 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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