



## *Friday Forum*

May 3, 2024

- The federal **Charter School Program grants** are available to both developing and existing high-quality charter schools in NH. These grant funds support the initial planning and implementation of a new charter school, or an expanding or replicating existing charter school. Intent to submit forms, found [here](#), are due by noon on May 8; applications are due by 4 p.m. on May 31.
- NHED's Bureau of Adult Education has partnered with YouScience to create the **Pathways to High School Completion Resource Guide**. The document will provide guidance to counselors, parents, and students in navigating the various opportunities for earning high school credentials and post-secondary planning. The upcoming May 20 [webinar](#) will break down the different sections of the guide and describe the different options that are available to students, including adult education, high school equivalency testing, and career and technical education.
- There is a December 31, 2024 deadline to complete work on **SAFE grant** projects. NHED is asking for a brief update on the status of school projects. Please indicate if your school is intending to use all the awarded funds, or if it is intending to return a portion of the award. Any unused funds will be reallocated to waitlisted SAFE grant projects for NH schools that are currently awaiting funding. The funding attestation form, school ID and award numbers are available [here](#).
- Join Yvonne Liu Constant for a [webinar](#), "A Pedagogy of Play: **Supporting Playful Learning in Classroom and Schools**" at 7 p.m. on May 16 as part of NHED's partnership with the Boston College School of Social Work.
- All **End-of-Year (EOY) submissions** go live in i4see on May 15, except for the EOY enrollment that went live on May 1.
  - The EOY three submissions must be batch verified by June 26, verified by July 9 and certified no later than July 10:
    - EOY Enrollment – required for all districts and charters
    - EOY Free and Reduced – required for all districts and charters
    - Home School Academic – required for districts that had home school students participate in courses in the public school(s).
  - The following five submissions must be batch verified by July 31, district verified by Aug. 12 and certified no later than Aug. 14:
    - College and Career Readiness – high schools only

- Credits and GPA – high schools only
  - Extended Learning Opportunities – high schools only
  - EOY Academic Performance – Targeted Title I schools only
- If your district has no data to submit for any of the submissions listed above, you will still need to certify the empty submission.
- NH teachers may receive one free [XRP Robot](#) per student in their class at no cost; free curriculum and professional development for teachers is provided.
- Code.org is offering an opportunity for district leaders to connect, learn and share best practices for sustainable **computer science implementation**. Districts will be recognized nationally for their commitment to computer science and will receive an implementation planning toolkit, access to computer science participation data for their district, and access to exclusive webinars with other districts on topics such as artificial intelligence in education. The program does not require any commitment to exclusively use Code.org. Interested school districts may enroll [here](#), or email [districtprogram@code.org](mailto:districtprogram@code.org) for information.
- NHED’s Office of Nutrition Programs and Services is sharing its [Harvest of the Month](#) flyer.
- The New Hampshire Teen Institute is offering its [Summer Leadership Program](#) Aug 4-9 in New Durham. Scholarships are available.
- The Office of Social and Emotional Wellness is offering several free **professional development** opportunities this summer: Adult SEL & Resilience, Conversations on Culture and Diversity, MTSS-B Toolkit Workshop, MTSS-B Tier 1 training, MTSS-B Tier 2/3 training, and Introduction to Trauma Responsive Classrooms. Register [here](#) for the July sessions.
- NH Ag in the Classroom and the NH Farm to School Network are partnering to seek out school gardens across the state. Please fill out the survey so they can collaborate with teachers to bring standard based, hands-on, minds-on learning to schools. They seek to identify schools with current gardening programs and those with **school gardens** that might not be utilizing them. More details [here](#).
- NHED’s Bureau of Credentialing is sharing its April [newsletter](#).
- **Mental health workers** in schools may be interested in learning more about [training](#) from Boston Children’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School titled, “Targeted Violence and Terrorism Strengths, Needs and Risks: Assessment and Management Tool.”
- [Branching Minds](#) offers a platform that provides educators across the district with critical insights and resources to support NH **Multi-Tiered System of Supports** (MTSS) A & B models. In addition to the platform, Branching Minds provides an array of professional service offerings that are tailored to each district’s needs. We are pleased to share that NHED was able to secure exclusive, discounted rates for districts that would like to partner with Branching Minds to implement their MTSS platform and participate in ongoing professional development. To learn more about partnering with Branching Minds, please visit the [Branching Minds’ New Hampshire webpage](#).

### ***Resources for Educators***

- NHED and **Discovery Education** are hosting the third virtual Reading Roundtable on May 7 at 4:00 p.m. [Register here](#). Discovery Education is partnering with New Hampshire schools to support existing reading and math programming, summer school programs, and summer learning at home. [Contact Nancy Rose](#) to learn more.
- **Tutor.com** is hosting an [Ice Cream Throwdown](#)! The (in-person) school with the highest percentage of students who connect for drop-off or on-demand writing sessions between April 15 to May 17 will win a school ice cream party.
- **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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