



Friday Forum

Sept. 27, 2024

- Congratulations to the **Bernice A. Ray Elementary School** in Hanover and the **Academy for Science and Design** public charter school in Nashua for being recognized as 2024 [National Blue Ribbon Schools](#). Thank you for creating unique opportunities for student learning!
- This week, NHED issued a [technical advisory](#) that provides guidance to schools on what actions constitute **electioneering** by public employees, which is prohibited by RSA 659:44-a.
- In partnership with NHED, the [Data Science 4 Everyone](#) team invites you to a free summit on Oct. 23 ahead of the ATMNE Mathematics Conference. The summit, from 5-7 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Nashua, will be dedicated to catalyzing the enthusiasm around **data science education** as the region continues to explore implementation options. It will include updates from each New England state about their milestones in Data Science Education. Complete [this registration form](#) by Oct. 10.
- USNH institutions are working collaboratively to create a statewide support framework for new teachers, including those with **site-based licensing** plans. One step in this support for districts is the creation of both credit-bearing and noncredit-bearing pathways to satisfy the Professional Education Requirements. Planning for the launch of these 2-credit courses at Keene State and Plymouth State University is underway with expected availability in spring 2025.
- The NH **Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force** will be presenting [Social Media: A Predators Playground](#) at 6 p.m. on Oct. 10 at Winnisquam Regional Middle School, 76 Winter St. in Tilton.

- Student tickets are still available for the New Hampshire **Bringing Back The Trades** event on Nov. 15 at NHTI. Student scholarships totaling \$50,000 will be distributed. Students may [apply here](#). Please share this [flyer](#) with educators and students.
- Students in grades 4-12 are invited to participate in the **Army Educational Outreach Program** (AEOP) [Veterans Appreciation Challenge](#) by creating a digital 3D model of a wearable pin to be 3D printed and distributed to US veterans at the National Veterans Memorial Museum. The deadline is Dec. 13.
- Registration is now open for Schoolhouse's next round of [SAT Bootcamp](#) and [College Admissions Workshop](#). Both programs are virtual and free, and will start on Oct. 4.
- NEA-New Hampshire's **Fall Instructional Conference** will take place on Oct. 11 at Concord High School. This year's conference features workshops centered around wellness in the classroom. [Register here](#) by Sept. 29.
- NHED is looking for some talented **high school artists** to paint a mural for our mascot, Max. Please share this [flyer](#) with your art teachers and students. The deadline for entries has been extended to Oct. 15.
- The UNH History Department's [Fall History Day](#) will take place Oct. 26 at Horton Hall on the Durham Campus. **History and social studies teachers** are invited to participate in a day of professional development. Participants will have the opportunity to choose among topics such as presidential immunity, ancient trade connections, role playing to teach history, hieroglyphs, the Viking Age and more.
- In order to advance student achievement, NHED is seeking approval from the U.S. Department of Education to waive pursuant to Section 8401 of the ESEA of 1965, the period of availability of consolidated administrative funds in Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act to extend the period of availability for **ARP administrative funds** and FY 2022 **ESEA program administrative funds** consolidated under ESEA section 8201 to March 31, 2026. As a result, NHED is seeking public input on its request. More details are available [here](#). Email comments to essser@doe.nh.gov by Oct. 1.

- Schools should be aware that an amendment to **RSA 288:1** requires that certain educational institutions and all local governments use a holiday's statutorily designated title in official communications, publications, and documents. More details on the amendment are available [here](#).
- **Robotics grants** are available! NHED has issued competitive grants for year two of the grant cycle for NH public and public charter schools that did not receive funding in year one and meet eligibility requirements for financing the establishment of a robotics team and its participation in competitive events. Responses to this [Request for Applications](#) must be received by Oct. 4. The purpose of the grants is to motivate students to pursue educational and career opportunities in STEM. Contact anne.k.wallace@doe.nh.gov.

Resources for Educators

- [One World Language School](#) provides Spanish, French, German and Mandarin Chinese instruction for students. Partnering with **One World Language School** allows districts to establish a cost-effective language program with minimal overhead – offering fully qualified instructors and materials. For more details, contact Marie Gurley at info@oneworldlanguageschool.org.
- The College of Professional Studies at UNH has added six **Professional Development Units** to its existing noncredit-bearing offerings that meet the Professional Education Requirements for all teaching licensures. These four-week units include on-site coaching from Center for Educator Preparation faculty, and may be used to satisfy the Professional Education requirements on teachers' SBLPs. Fall Term 2 registration for these units is now open and closes on Nov. 23. HEERF funded full scholarships for all CPS PD Units are available through June 30, 2025 to any teacher on an approved site-based licensing plan. Register [here](#).
- New Hampshire educators! Bring a friend and dive into Discovery Education's **STUDIO workshop**! You'll find resources that are ready to use, while also learning how to make your own. You may use STUDIO to assess for understanding, foster collaboration, differentiate and support reading and language acquisition. Meet other NH Discovery Education users and win a prize or two. [Register here](#) for the workshop taking place at 4 p.m. on Oct. 29 at 25 Hall St. in Concord.

- The competition is on for a [Pizza Party!](#) **Tutor.com** is throwing a schoolwide pizza party for the (in-person) New Hampshire school with the highest percentage of students who connect with a tutor at least once between Sept. 23 and Oct. 31.
- NHED is partnering with Khan Academy to offer **Khanmigo** for educators and students in grades 5-12 statewide. Khanmigo, an AI platform, serves as a teaching assistant for educators and a tutor for students. School administrators are encouraged to visit [Khanmigo for New Hampshire](#) to initiate the free contracting process.
- NHED's [UpGrade](#) program aims to increase the number of **educators earning tech credentials**, as well as encourage existing technology leaders to receive educator endorsements to teach computer science and similar tech courses. For existing educators, NHED will reimburse the cost of any exams or licensure costs for qualified credentials, up to a total of \$2,000. In addition, teachers will receive a stipend for each credential acquired, up to a total of \$750.

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