



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

March 24, 2023

- The Northeast Admissions Officer at **West Point** Admissions is inviting high school students to attend an admissions event at 6 p.m. March 27 in Concord, Mass. This is a great event for students, parents and educators to learn about West Point, what it offers and its admissions process. Students may sign up using this [form](#). Separately, students may sign up for a Summer Leaders Experience to stay at West Point for a week this summer. More information is available [here](#).
- Registration for Schoolhouse's May **SAT bootcamps**, which are in preparation for the May 6 SAT, open on March 27. Students and their parents may sign up [here](#) ahead of the April 5 registration deadline. The bootcamps are a four-week long tutoring series and research study to help students prepare for the SAT exam.
- Congratulations to three middle and high school teachers who have been selected as **NH State Finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching** (PAEMST). These finalists include: Joanne Goelzer, a science teacher at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy; Karen McCallion, a science teacher at Epping Middle School; and Sandra Swiechowicz, a computer science teacher at Raymond High School. These three educators will move forward to the next level and are eligible to receive a PAEMST national award, the nation's highest honor for STEM teachers.
- NHED recently opened its **603 Bright Futures Survey**, a platform that provides parents, educators and community members a chance to share their perspectives and experiences with their respective schools. Questions were developed with input from a cohort of school leaders and should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. Links to the surveys are available [here](#). Please share these links widely with your staff, school community, parents and the public.
- Fentanyl usage is a significant public health issue across the state and nation. In addition to being highly lethal, it is being discovered in more substances such as heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and other illicit substances, including counterfeit pills that are branded to look identical to prescription pills. In the near future, a comprehensive statewide plan to raise awareness on the overall issue, dubbed "**No Safe Experience**," will formally launch. In the coming weeks, an online toolkit will be publicly available with resources that we hope can be shared with the families of students across your school district on the challenges we face to deter risky actions that could lead to fentanyl use.

- **Learning Blade** and NHED will host a Career Exploration in-person event at 3:30 p.m. on April 13 at 25 Hall St. in Concord. This live demo of the Learning Blade resource will explore online interactive lessons and more than 100 hours of teacher lesson plans for project-based learning for students in grades 5-9. This includes coding, STEM, CTE and computer science content. Register [here](#).
- Please share with your students! Level up by becoming a coder this summer with **Girls Who Code**. Choose your own adventure with two free virtual programs to get the skills, networking and lifelong college and career support needed to change the world. Two-week and six-week programs are available. Apply [here](#).
- NEA-New Hampshire invites all educator support professionals to its **2023 Education Support Professionals Conference** on April 15. Many classes will appeal to teachers, special educators, counseling staff and ESPs. This conference offers 5.25 CEU hours of support, expert training and camaraderie. The registration deadline is April 2. [Register here](#).
- Are you or someone you know looking to get **Paraprofessional II licensure**? NHTI is offering an 8-week online portfolio course. This online course is structured to individualize your needs while providing support to meet state requirements. Funding may be available through your district. For more information contact Cynthia Lucero at [clucero@ccsnh.edu](mailto:clucero@ccsnh.edu) or register [here](#). Classes run May 8 - July 1 and July 3 - Aug. 26.
- **Discovery Education** brings exciting resources to your classrooms for Earth Day, STEM Camp activities, Career Exploration and more! Log-in at [www.discoveryeducation.com](http://www.discoveryeducation.com) using your school account and explore. Contact [nrose@discoveryed.com](mailto:nrose@discoveryed.com) with questions about access, to schedule free professional development at your school or to learn more about the statewide agreement with NHED providing access to the Discovery Education learning platform.
- A virtual professional development opportunity from **321 Insight** will take place at 4:30 p.m. on April 13 – the last session in its Proactive Behavior Strategy Series, Focus on ACEs and Trauma. Sponsored by NHED, this interactive, one-hour session will focus on building a deeper understanding of Adverse Childhood Experiences, how they impact students and strategies that can be implemented to support all students. [Register here](#).
- **Learn Everywhere spotlight!** Izzit.org's mission is to present and explore moral and social choices for living flourishing lives. [izzit.org](http://izzit.org) is a non-profit that has provided high-quality educational resources at no-cost to educators for 15 years to develop critical thinking. It has been approved to provide students who wish to earn high school civics credits to either fulfill or supplement their school's course offerings. The Civics Fundamentals course will satisfy the NH-required half-credit civics requirement.
- Teachers and Extended Learning Opportunity Network members may earn **professional development hours** for reviewing NHED's Learn Everywhere applications. More details are available [here](#).

- NHED launched its third year of **ReKINDling Curiosity** – hoping to ensure that every child who wants to attend a fun and engaging summer camp this year has the opportunity. Please share this [flyer](#) with families, which outlines scholarship and eligibility information.
- NHED and Tutor.com partnered to provide 24/7 online **tutoring for students in grades 6-12** throughout the state. School districts are being encouraged to [register](#) for Tutor.com’s free access for their students. This program meets all data privacy requirements.
- NHED 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 during the school year. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach at no cost. Learn more [here](#); contact Christian Shiverdecker at 603-758-3259 or [Christian.shiverdecker@graduationalliance.com](mailto:Christian.shiverdecker@graduationalliance.com).

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