

Adopt Ed 1410 to read as follows:

PART Ed 1410 ~~RULES FOR THE~~ ROBOTICS EDUCATION FUND

Ed 1410.01 Purpose of the Robotics Education Fund. The purpose of the robotics education fund is to motivate public school and chartered public school students in New Hampshire to pursue education and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics while building critical life and work-related skills.

Ed 1410.02 Scope. Grants from the robotics education fund shall be available to any eligible public school or chartered public school for the purpose of financing the establishment of a robotics team and its participation in competitive events.

Ed 1410.03 Definitions.

(a) “Competitive event” means an event administered by a national or international organization whose mission is to promote and organize robotics competitions.

(b) “Eligible public school or chartered public school” means any public school which meets the minimum standards or a chartered public school as defined in RSA 194-B in the state of New Hampshire.

(c) “Technical resources” means mentors, space, equipment, travel to events, use of office equipment, use of computers, and other similar forms of assistance.

Ed 1410.04 Uses of Grant Funds for the Robotics Education Fund.

(a) Grant funds administered through the robotics education fund shall be limited to the purchase of robotics kits, stipends for coaches, and the payment of associated costs from participation in competitions. ***Grant recipients shall submit a report to the department detailing how the grant funds were spent at the end of each fiscal year for which grant funds are received.***

(b) Grant funds shall only be used to cover direct costs associated with the cost of the robotics team.

(c) Said grants shall not exceed the following amounts per year:

(1) For elementary school, the amount of the grant that can be applied toward the cost of the kit shall not exceed \$1,000 per year and the amount of the grant that can be applied toward the stipend shall not exceed \$250 per year;

(2) For middle school, the amount of the grant that can be applied toward the cost of the kit shall not exceed \$1,500 per year and the amount of the grant that can be applied toward the stipend shall not exceed \$750 per year; and

(3) For high school, the amount of the grant that can be applied toward the cost of the kit shall not exceed \$5,000 per year and the amount of the grant that can be applied toward the stipend shall not exceed \$1,500 per year.

Ed 1410.05 Eligibility Criteria. A public school or chartered public school which is applying for a grant from the robotics education fund shall demonstrate that:

- (a) It has established, or is in the process of establishing, **a *its first*** robotics team or club that is associated with the school;
- (b) It has at least one coach or adult advisor;
- (c) It has established a partnership with, or has a valid letter of commitment from, at least one sponsor, business entity, institution of higher education or technical school for the purpose of participation in a robotics competition;
- (d) A sponsor, business entity, institution of higher education or technical school will contribute funds, technical resources, or both to allow for the school to participate in the competition;
- (e) It has developed a two-year budget for the current year of the application;
- (f) It has not received a grant from the Robotics Education Development Program in the prior year; and
- (g) It has identified at least one competitive event in which the team or club will participate in and that it meets all criteria for participation in the competitive event(s).

Ed 1410.06 Robotics Education Development Program Grant Application.

- (a) A public or chartered public school shall submit a grant application on the “New Hampshire Robotics Education Application Form,” July 2017 edition, electronically to the department of education, division of career technology and adult learning, bureau of career development.
- (b) The grant application period shall start on September 1 and will close on September 30 of each year.
- (c) The amount of each grant shall be sufficient to cover the costs of establishing and supporting a team for two years as set forth in Ed 1410.04.
- (d) Pursuant to RSA 188-E:25, V, no school shall receive more than one grant every two years, however, a school district may receive multiple grant awards. A school may support multiple teams through the use of a single grant, ***however shall not support more than one team in any one of the 3 areas enumerated in Ed 1410.04(c)(1)-(3).***

Ed 1410.07 Review of Robotics Education Development Program Grant Application.

- (a) The bureau of career development shall review all grant applications within 15 working days of the September 30 date as established in Ed 1410.06(b), with recommendation from the commissioner or designee. In making a decision the bureau of career development shall approve an application if the school has met all the criteria set forth in Ed 1410.05 (a)-(h).
- (b) If the amount of grant funds requested exceeds the balance in the fund that is available in any year, preference shall be given to schools that have a higher percentage of students in the school’s average

daily membership in attendance who are eligible for a free or reduced-price meal as defined in RSA 198:38, VII. Secondary preference shall be given to schools which did not receive a grant in the previous year due to lack of funds.

Ed 1410.08 Robotics Education Development Program Grant Disbursement.

(a) Grants will be awarded ~~and funds made available~~ by October 31 of each year.

(b) *The department shall disburse ~~G~~grant funds will be disbursed* as a single payment each year of the grant ~~through the business office of the department of education~~*after approval of the robotics program.*

Appendix I

Rule	Statute
Ed 1410.01 – Ed 1410.08	RSA 188-E:25