

Readopt with amendment Ed 1307, effective 10-10-19 (Document #12896, Emergency), to read as follows:

PART Ed 1307 RULES FOR THE ROBOTICS EDUCATION FUND

Ed 1307.01 Purpose of the Robotics Education Fund. The purpose of the robotics education fund is to motivate and encourage 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 1307.02 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 1307.03 Definitions.

(a) “Department” means the commissioner’s office of the department of education, or designee.

(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.

Ed 1307.04 Uses of Grant Funds for the Robotics Education Fund.

(a) Grant funds administered through the robotics education fund shall be limited to:

(1) ~~The purchase of robotics kits;~~

(2) ~~stipends for coaches; and~~

(3) ~~The payment of associated costs from participation in competitions; and~~

(4) *Costs associated with events, including, but not limited to:*

*(1) Registration fees;*

*(2) Transportation costs; and*

*(3) Required uniforms and supplies; and*

*(b) Grant recipients shall submit a report to the department detailing expenditures at the end of each fiscal year for which grant funds are received.*

Ed 1307.05 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 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;
- (b) It has developed a budget for the current year of the application;
- (c) It has not received a grant from the ~~R~~robotics ~~E~~education ~~D~~development ~~P~~program in the prior year; and
- (d) It has identified at least one competitive event in which the team or club will participate.

Ed 1307.06 Robotics Education Development Program Grant Application.

(a) A public or chartered public school shall complete and file the “New Hampshire Robotics Education Application Form,” ~~November~~ **January** 2019**20** edition, electronically to the department of education.

(b) ~~The grant application period shall be announced on the department’s website pursuant to availability of grant funds and the application period shall be open for no less than 30 calendar days~~ ***To be considered for robotics education grant funds for the following biennium, applications shall be completed and filed with the department no later than July 1 of the year prior to the biennium in which grants are to be dispersed.***

(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.

Ed 1307.07 ~~Review of Robotics Education Development Program Grant Application~~**Application Review and Approval.**

(a) The department shall review all grant applications within 15 business days of the application deadline as established in Ed 1410.06(b). In making a decision the ~~bureau of career development~~ **department** shall approve an application if the school has met all the criteria set forth in Ed 1410.05 (a)-(d).

***(b) Approval of an application does not constitute a grant award. Grant allocations for all approved applications will be based on the funds available in the following biennium.***

~~(b)~~ (c) If the amount of grant funds requested exceeds the balance in the fund that is available in any year, the commissioner shall not prorate the grant awards, but 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) In the event that additional funds exist after all initial grant application requests have been met, the commissioner shall award schools additional grants for additional requested teams in accordance with (b) above and RSA 188-E:24-a, V.(b).

Ed 1307.08 Robotics Education Development Program Grant Disbursement. Grants will be disbursed as a single payment each year of the grant through the business office of the department of education.

**Appendix I**

<b>Rule</b>	<b>Statute</b>
Ed 1307	RSA 188-E:24-a