



New Hampshire

Department of Education

New Hampshire Rocks:
Modern Band in the Granite State

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The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) announces a 2022 Modern Band [request for applications](#) from school music programs wanting to initiate or expand modern band programming in their school. The NHED will offer to no less than eighteen (18) teachers two days of in-state, face to face training in modern band pedagogy. Additionally, each selected teacher will receive up to \$2,500 for purchasing demonstration instruments for their classrooms and/or expenses related to being able to attend the New Hampshire based training such as mileage or substitute pay. Trainings will be held at Pembroke Academy in Pembroke, New Hampshire on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 and Thursday, September 22, 2022.

- Applications being accepted until June 20, 2022
- This offer is open to all public schools including charter schools
- Teachers must commit to both training dates
- Training provided by [Little Kids Rock](#), the nation's premier provider of modern band pedagogy
- Applicant recipients will receive full details with award announcement email

When: The competitive grant process is expected to run from May 1 – June 20, 2022. Selected schools/teachers will be notified by June 24, 2022.

To Apply: [Link to the grant application](#)

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What is Modern Band? "Modern Band" is a generalized term used to describe contemporary, popular music relatable to students in elementary, middle, and high school. Modern band programs make music available to students who might otherwise not participate in traditional music classes, supporting students who are less inclined to participate in traditional band and chorus offerings; musically enthusiastic students who may want to expand their repertoire; and students who enjoy singing and playing as part of an ensemble. Modern band programs leverage the cultural capital of the students served through the school by connecting school music programs to the music they know—styles including rock, pop, blues, and hip-hop, among others—performed with guitars, keyboards, drums, technology, and vocals. Students learn how to perform, improvise and compose using the popular styles that they know and love including rock, pop, reggae, hip hop, R&B, and other modern styles. Due to high student engagement, schools that introduce modern band often experience increased enrollment in music programs and stronger community connections.