



## *Friday Forum*

January 17, 2025

- This week, NHED [released](#) the newest **cost per pupil** data for the 2023-2024 school year. The new statewide average operating cost per pupil is \$21,545. Total expenditures approached a new record of more than \$4 billion in New Hampshire.
- The NH State Fire Marshal's Office [announces the launch of a 2-year project](#) focused on reducing unnecessary **carbon monoxide** deaths through public education and free installation of CO alarms in schools and homes. The purchase of 2,000+ CO alarms was made possible through grant funding from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The NHSFMO will contact each SAU to discuss the details, then contact schools individually to schedule installations in the areas of their heating plant and kitchen/cafeteria.
- NHED has received inquiries asking for guidance on how the American flag should fly on Inauguration Day, which is Monday, January 20. This date is also recognized as Martin Luther King Jr Day, a federal holiday. The Governor's Office has indicated that New Hampshire will not be amending the current **flag protocol** set forth by former Gov. Chris Sununu that [directs](#) all flags on all public buildings and grounds in the State of New Hampshire to fly at half-staff for 30 days until sunset on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. For Monday, this means that the flags shall remain at half-staff on Inauguration Day and throughout the entire mourning period.
- While New Hampshire continues to focus on statewide literacy initiatives, we must be also be providing adequate math support to our students. A series of 14 **math training videos** with Professor Sharma remain available on Canvas, including topics such as number concepts, multiplication facts and strategies, introducing fractions, introducing geometry and more. Visit [Canvas|NHED](#) to self-enroll; [course number](#). Contact [Anne.K.Wallace@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Anne.K.Wallace@doe.nh.gov).
- NHED's Bureau of Career Development is announcing an extended and expanded funding opportunity for districts sending students to regional CTE centers. The [Transportation Aid RFA](#) released last spring has been revised and updated to allow for **bus costs** for the 24-25 school year. New and previous applicants may apply for additional funding. The RFA includes an opportunity for sending districts to implement innovative practices to increase student participation in CTE; districts may include plans and associated costs in applications. Contact [jeffry.w.beard@doe.nh.gov](mailto:jeffry.w.beard@doe.nh.gov).

- Join NEA-NH in-person or virtually for the [New and Aspiring Teacher Conference](#) on Feb. 8, which offers 5.25 credits. This conference is created to best support **early career educators** and those in teacher-prep programs, however the topics are appropriate for anyone working in schools. [Register](#) by Feb. 2.
- Join NHSAA for a webinar at noon on March 5 - **Courageous Classroom: Embracing Vulnerability in Math Education**. Participants will explore how fostering vulnerability in the math classroom improves learning outcomes and relationships while building positive culture. [Register here](#).
- Students can get an early start on AP math, English, science and social studies **exam prep** with actionable advice from The Princeton Review Master Teachers. Please share this [information](#) with your high school students, which includes four test-prep webinars on Jan. 21 and Jan. 22.
- **Granite Gambit professional development** is available for level one certification for any teachers interested in unlocking the power of Chess to boost learning skills. Training takes place Jan 30-31 and Feb. 6-7 at Manchester Community College.
- [Nominate a NH Out-of-School Time \(OST\) Champion](#) to recognize someone who goes above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of youth during **afterschool programs**.
- Save the date for the [Granite State K-8 Literacy Summit](#) featuring Dr. Carol Tolman, Dr. Leslie Laud, Dr. Pam Kastner, the National Council on Improving Literacy and others. This conference is presented by NHED, The Reading League NH and the NH Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. More than 15 sessions will be available from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 31 at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. Early bird specials are available for those that [register](#) before Jan. 17. A discount is available for The Reading League NH and NHASCD members.

### ***Credentialing News***

- The State Board of Education is proposing to readopt with amendment Ed 505.09, relative to fees charged by the **Bureau of Credentialing**. A [public hearing](#) has been scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 13.
- Last year, the State Board of Education adopted **new testing requirements** for several endorsements. This new testing requirement will be effective on July 1, 2025. This will be required for all completed and submitted applications. The new tests are within the Pearson National Evaluation Series. Some endorsements require multiple subsets. [More details here](#).

### ***Cybersecurity Resources from the U.S. Department of Education***

- [K-12 Cybersecurity | U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [K-12 Digital Infrastructure Brief: Defensible & Resilient](#)

- [Cybersecurity Preparedness for Schools and Institutions of Higher Education | Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center](#)
- [Home | Protecting Student Privacy](#)

### **Resources for Educators**

- **Discovery Education Experience** usage in New Hampshire continues to grow. Schedule a conversation to learn more about your district or school's usage, or to see what you're missing! Discovery Education is still provisioning schools and providing free professional development. It features support for reading, ELL, social studies, science, UDL and career exploration. [Contact Nancy Rose](#).
- [College Guidance Network](#) and NHED offer all NH high school counselors, students and families free access to CGN's Roadmap to College and comprehensive library of on-demand **college and career resources**.
- [Xello](#), in partnership with NHED and Granite Edvance, provides NH high school students with free tools needed to explore secondary and postsecondary plans, discover **career aspirations**, uncover interests, and make plans for future success.
- 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.
- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#), essay drop-off and test prep services for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.
- The University of New Hampshire's **Professional Development Training** is offering several courses for educators, including its [Assistive Technology in Education; Advanced Training for the School Professional Microcredential](#) and [Classroom Technology Certificate for K-12 Educators](#).

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