



Friday Forum

January 3, 2025

- Educators, as you step into this **new year**, please remember that every moment in your classroom is an opportunity to spark curiosity, ignite passion and engage learning. Your work has the power to transform the lives of students – one day and one lesson at a time. We wish you and your students many great achievements in 2025.
- [Nominations](#) are now open for the 2026 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Program. Anyone may **nominate an outstanding teacher** by Feb. 5. Candidates should demonstrate leadership and be exceptionally dedicated and knowledgeable. The [Teacher of the Year](#) will serve as a leader and ambassador for all of the outstanding teachers devoted to the highest level of student learning.
- This past fall, NHED offered a funding opportunity for schools to apply to participate in ***Bridging the Gap in the 603: Pathways to Literacy Proficiency***. Applications were reviewed and four schools were accepted into this second cohort. Congratulations to Bow Elementary School (Bow, NH - SAU 67), Dunbarton Elementary School (Dunbarton, NH - SAU 67), Lincoln-Woodstock Elementary School (Lincoln, NH - SAU 68), and Mount Pleasant Elementary School (Nashua, NH - SAU 42). These schools will receive training and coaching to support the implementation and sustainability of evidence-based literacy practices, as well as support to engage families to better understand their child’s literacy development.
- NHED’s **Bureau of Federal Compliance** is sharing its [newsletter](#) for the third quarter of FY25.
- **Safe Grants (Rounds 1, 2, and 3)**: The last day to submit reimbursement requests is Jan. 30. Please submit your reimbursement requests in GMS. Email Krzysztof.J.Armatys@doe.nh.gov with questions.

Workshops and Webinars

- The New Hampshire Council for Exceptional Children is hosting an [informational webinar](#) at 4 p.m. on Jan. 30 to discuss writing measurable **IEP goals** with your colleagues.
- UNH Professional Development & Training has K-12 education workshops focused on **classroom technology** this month, including [Google Educator L1](#), [Using Video Modeling and Peer Modeling to Teach SEL Skills](#), and [Differentiation with Google Workspace Tools](#).

Resources for Educators and Students

- [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.
- Your **Discovery Education** managers for NH are available for no-cost professional learning to help educators leverage an engaging and effective resource. Support for new teachers and ELL's is available. [Learn more](#).
- 240 Tutoring is providing all NH educators with a 50% discount on its course catalog. [240 Tutoring](#) provides digital courses for most **Praxis certification exams**.

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