



Friday Forum

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- On Wednesday, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) released the **Nation's Report Card**, which provides detailed information about achievement and learning across the educational system. [New Hampshire](#) students have managed, for the most part, to turn the corner and stop the slide since the pandemic. Students in the Granite State are outperforming students in many other New England states and showing greater achievements compared to the national average, but there is still much work that needs to be done to close socio-economic gaps.
- New Hampshire is [celebrating National School Choice Week](#) while working to expand educational options and create flexible and responsive pathways to learning.
- Spearheaded by Candice DeAngelis, the 2025 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year, **Trailblazers of Education** is a program that recognizes innovative teachers that are challenging conventional methods to inspire and engage students through creative and impactful teaching practices. Learn more about the first [Trailblazer of Education](#) – the Sanborn Submariners led by teacher and founder Jim Enright.
- February celebrates both **Black History Month and Women and Girls in Science**. BrainPOP has [compiled](#) ways for students to learn about STEM icons past and present with engaging topics and stories that can be utilized by educators at no cost.
- The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) has opened the application period for the fourth annual **Lt. Governors' STEM Scholarship Program**, sponsored by ACT, to award up to \$1,000 to 12 schools nationally to support STEM-related activities for youth. [Applications](#) will be accepted until March 7, with award recipients announced and funded in Spring 2025.
- VR New Hampshire and NHED's Bureau of Special Education Support are sharing this [letter](#) with school leaders, which provides guidance and information about implementing a partnership with VRNH to ensure positive post-school career outcomes for **students with disabilities**.
- The **NH Association of School Principals** invites you to three upcoming events: the [2025 Women in Educational Leadership Symposium](#) on March 28 at the Common Man in

Plymouth; the [Aspiring Leaders Training for Educators](#) on March 5 at Cogna in Portsmouth; and the [Assistant Principal Conference](#) on Feb. 6 at SNHU in Manchester.

- **UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center** is providing [upcoming programs](#) for youth and parents that are designed to promote an experiential learning approach, including ways for youth to build and strengthen reading skills.
- The Children’s Literacy Foundation (CLiF) is currently accepting applications for its **Year of the Book grant**, which provides \$25,000 worth of new books, literacy programs and author visits with the goal of building a culture of literacy in a school community. Open to preK-6 public schools in VT and NH with at least 35% free/reduced lunch and at least 30% of students scoring below proficient on reading/writing assessments. [Applications](#) are due by March 17.
- Save the date for [New Hampshire's Day of AI Education Summit](#) with keynote speaker Jeffrey C. Riley, former MA Commissioner of Education. School leaders are invited to a day-long summit featuring **AI in Education** workshops from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 18 at NHTI in Concord. Superintendents may [register now](#); this is first-come, first-served and will be limited to 100 school leaders.
- Given the high demand for the Granite State K-8 Literacy Summit featuring Dr. Carol Tolman and Dr. Leslie Laud, which is now fully booked, a second [summit](#) has been planned with collaboration from the National Council on **Improving Literacy**, NHED, The Reading League NH and the NH Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. The second summit has been set for 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 1 at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. [Register now](#).
- Xello, which is free to schools through a partnership with NHED and Granite Edvance, is offering training sessions for NH school counselors and educators looking to offer **career and college readiness opportunities** to their students. A webinar has been planned for noon on Feb. 12, [New Hampshire's Getting Started with Xello for High School Educators](#), which will outline how Xello can empower students to be future ready. A separate webinar will take place at noon on Feb. 18, [Interested in Work-Based Learning at Your School](#), which will offer an overview of Xello’s work-based learning tool.

Resources for Educators

- 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.
- [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.
- Microschools are an emerging model that provide a small, tailored approach to education. For educators considering launching a microschool, visit [KaiPodLearning.com](https://www.kaipodlearning.com) for details, or contact matt@kaipodlearning.com.

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