



Friday Forum

January 5, 2024

- On April 8, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, which will provide a unique educational opportunity for schools. NHED may have the opportunity to secure some **solar eclipse glasses** or viewing cards for school districts – if funding is able to be secured. If your school district is interested in potentially receiving some eclipse glasses or viewing cards for the solar eclipse, please express your interest by completing this [form](#) by Friday, Jan. 12. Only one person per district should complete the form. *At this time, there is no guarantee that the glasses will be made available through NHED.*
- Nominations are now open for the 2025 **New Hampshire Teacher of the Year**. Anyone can [nominate](#) an outstanding teacher by Feb. 2. Teachers may also self-apply. Contact Stacey MacStravic at stacey.a.macstravic1@doe.nh.gov with questions.
- Adequate Public Education, Input Based Accountability System (**IBAS**) data collection is due by Jan. 15 for all schools. The survey may be found in ESSP.
- Women In Stem [scholarships](#) are available through **Women's Transportation Seminar** New Hampshire. This opportunity is open to current and past high school students from New Hampshire, as well as college students currently studying in the state.
- Limited in-person seats for groups of up to 25 students and unlimited virtual seats are still available for the [National Presidential Youth Convention](#) to NH high school students and now offered to eighth-grade middle school students. The convention is from 8:30-11:30 a.m. on Jan. 11 at the [AUDI](#) in Concord. Transportation assistance is available.
- As part of **National School Choice Week**, a [school fair](#) will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 27 at Southern New Hampshire University, 2500 North River Rd. in Manchester. The public is invited to attend.
- NHED is sponsoring a **research project on student wellbeing and play** in public elementary schools with child development researchers in the Boston College School of Social Work. The aim of the research project is to implement and evaluate two no-cost, school-based programs, [Let Grow](#) and [Play Club](#), during the 2023-2024 academic year. The research will also measure student social, emotional and cognitive development. Superintendents and school principals interested in learning more may email Dr. Maggie Van Camp, associate researcher, at vancampm@bc.edu to set up a meeting.

- The January newsletter from **New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom** is available [here](#).

Resources for Educators

- **Tutor.com** offers 24/7 [online tutoring](#) for all New Hampshire students in grades 4-12, as well as adult education learners at no cost.
- **Graduation Alliance** provides 1-1 [mentoring](#) for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success. Call 603-758-3259 to get set up.
- **Discovery Education** can help you with your family outreach events supporting Title I programming. Contact nrose@discovered.com to learn more about math and ELA content that families may use, as well as resources in Discovery Education Experience that help educators support ELL and the needs of diverse learners. If you haven't lately, check out Discovery Education Experience – it is so much more than videos!
- **College Guidance Network** is offering a webinar at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 11 titled **“Get in the Game: Athletic Recruiting.”** This webinar is designed for high school students interested in becoming a college athlete, and will focus on how to showcase skills and achievements, the best ways to communicate with coaches and how to navigate NCAA eligibility requirements. [Register here](#).

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