



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- This week, NHED released its newest **cost per pupil** data for the 2021-2022 school year. The new statewide average cost per pupil of \$19,400 is a 5.2 percent increase from the prior year. Learn more [here](#).
- NHED has partnered with **Learning Blade**, a system of interactive online student lessons, teacher lesson plans and project-based activities for students in grades 5-9 focusing on high-demand STEM, CTE and computer science careers while reviewing academics. Students may use more than 400 online lessons aligned to state standards, allowing students to explore exciting careers. Teachers have access to dozens of lesson plans that support innovative, project-based learning and classroom activities. Learning Blade usage will be reviewed during the remainder of the school year and best practices will be part of a year-end report. Sign up for your school/district account [here](#). Informational webinars will be held at 1 p.m. on [Jan. 10](#) and 1 p.m. on [Jan. 17](#).
- Join us for an **“Introduction to iPlatform”** training webinar at 3:15 p.m. on Jan. 26 to learn how to explore New Hampshire public school data. More information is available [here](#).
- Today is the final day to [apply](#) for the **New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards**. The EDies committee was established to provide a process that honors exemplary practices and excellence at Granite State schools. The application process will help school teams engage in a collaborative and self-reflective dialogue focused on continuous improvement and excellence in education. The winning school at each level will receive statewide recognition as the EDies School of Excellence, \$2,000, a school banner and an engraved school bell.
- NHED and Tutor.com have partnered to provide 24/7 online **tutoring for students in grades 6-12** throughout the state. School districts are being encouraged to [register](#) for Tutor.com’s free access for their students. This program meets all data privacy requirements and you do not want to keep your students from this great opportunity.
- NHED has partnered with **Graduation Alliance** to provide 1-1 mentoring for students in need of an extra layer of support to boost school engagement and academic success during the school year. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach at no cost. Contact erin.luper@graduationalliance.com for more details.
- The School Readiness Program from NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management is offering an upcoming training opportunity. In an effort to help equip security professionals

with Bomb Threat Assessment tools, the Office for Bombing Prevention is offering two sessions of the **Introduction to Bomb Threat Management** course, which was developed as a Just-in-Time training (in response to last year's bomb threats) at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Jan. 18. These courses will be announced nationally and will be open to the first 70 participants who register. Click [here](#) to learn more or sign up.

- **The Jewish Federation of New Hampshire** has asked that we share this [letter](#) with school leaders, as well as this [calendar](#) to assist in scheduling school events, which outlines a four-year calendar of major Jewish holidays.
- A new course, **Understanding Title IV-A**, is now available on the NHED Canvas portal. The course is open, self-paced, and designed to support local Title IV-A Program Managers, Stakeholder Team members, educators, and anyone interested in understanding more about the New Hampshire Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment program. Title IV-A programs are intended to increase student opportunities for a well-rounded education, develop and maintain safe and healthy learning environments that support student success, and effectively use technologies to improve digital learning and teaching. Access the [Understanding Title IV-A](#) course. *No login is required.*
- New Hampshire schools are invited to apply for Cohort II of the NHED-sponsored **TeachUNITED** program. This program is designed to assist schools in executing shifts toward better models of teaching and learning by building capacity, not dependency. Cohort II schools must meet one or more of the following: a) rural school; or b) underserved school; or c) designated as an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement school (ATSI). Program outcomes include preparing and retaining valuable teaching staff while bringing about meaningful change in classroom practice and improving achievement for all students. Apply using this [Google form](#), which is open until Jan. 23. An informational zoom meeting will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 10. Register [here](#).
- **Building Futures Together** is a grant funded 18-21 month program designed to prepare paraprofessionals in healthcare and school settings to provide specialized enhanced care coordination to children, youth, and their caregivers impacted by opioid use disorders and other substance use disorders. To learn more about the program and apply, visit [Building Futures Together](#).
- The 2022 **NSLP Equipment Grant** has been released by USDA. Please view this [application letter](#). This grant opportunity is available to all organizations that participate in the National School Lunch Program.
- Starting to think about Summer School programming? **Discovery Education** offers engaging content for your summer school programs, no matter where learning takes place! Use its standards-aligned resources to differentiate instruction, save time planning, and most of all, have fun with your students. Contact nrose@discoveryed.com for more information.
- As a reminder, the **SB420 accountability plan** for FY23 is due Jan. 9. Superintendents must submit their plans to accountability@doe.nh.gov by the deadline. Please make sure to complete all required fields including achievement and growth goals. The plan template is

available [here](#) under “Tools” (Titled SB420 Extraordinary Need Grant Accountability Plan Template).

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