



Friday Forum

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- In New Hampshire, the number of educators renewing their teaching credentials in 2024 was the [second highest on record](#). As of this week, NHED has renewed 8,815 educators in 2024, which is the second-highest number of annual renewals. The highest number of **educators renewing their credentials** in the history of the state occurred in 2022 with a record number of 9,431, and in 2023 there were 8,670 annual renewals – the third highest on record. Among these renewals, the average number of individual endorsements per educator is 1.4.
- During its [fourth year of implementation](#), 5,321 students throughout New Hampshire are now enrolled in **Education Freedom Accounts** – as of the start of the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Applications are now open for **middle school science teachers** nationwide to apply for a spot in the 2025 class of the [National STEM Scholar Program](#), a unique professional development program providing advanced STEM training, national network building and “big idea” project support for middle school teachers inspiring the next generation of STEM pioneers.
- The Public School Districts’ **Opioid Recovery Trust** anticipates distributing about \$25 million in grants to public school districts in its first phase of grant funding next spring. The purpose of the grant is to help public school districts recover from the harm of the opioid epidemic and develop responses to enhance educating students harmed by the opioid epidemic. The deadline to [apply](#) is Dec. 15.
- The NH State Fire Marshal’s Office has been awarded a grant for the installation of **carbon monoxide alarms**, to include school buildings, at no charge. Please complete this [survey](#) by Nov. 22. Your responses will be used to determine interest in participating in the program (new or replacement), as well as helping us determine how many NH schools are currently protected by carbon monoxide alarms.
- The [2025 EngineerGirl Writing Contest](#) opened in September with the theme of “**Innovating Smarter.**” Students are being asked to write a piece describing a common object they would make “smart” and describe what it would do, how it would help individuals and what could go wrong. The contest is open to all students in grades 3-12. The deadline is Feb. 1. Please share this opportunity with your students.

- For a limited time, businesses and schools may receive up to 100% off the cost of **lighting materials** – as much as \$10,000 – when upgrading to DLC-qualified LED fixtures and TLEDs. [Liberty NHSaves](#) may be contacted at 603-637-4346 for more details.
- The **MIT Club of New Hampshire** is excited to offer a scholarship of \$2,300 to one outstanding STEM educator from NH to join a group of 50 exceptional teachers from around the world in a week-long program on MIT’s campus. This [program](#) is designed for secondary school educators who teach science, technology, engineering or math and are recognized as innovative, creative and dedicated leaders in their communities. If you, or a teacher you know, would be an excellent fit for this opportunity, please show your interest by [registering](#).

Resources for Educators

- Join **NH Civics** for “A Q&A with Discovery Education,” a free professional development [workshop](#) for K-12 educators and administrators from 4-5 p.m. on Nov. 18. Nancy Rose from Discovery Education will guide webinar participants through an exploration of new civics lessons available and tips on how to best integrate them into your classroom.
- Discovery Education is hosting a webinar centered around intervention, acceleration and maximizing teacher time. The [webinar](#), **Maximizing Instructional Time to Meet the Needs of all Students**, will take place at 2 p.m. on Nov. 19. All NH schools have access to Discovery Education Experience and free in-person or virtual professional development.
- 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**.
- 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.
- NHED’s [UpGrade](#) program aims to increase the number of **educators earning tech credentials**, as well as encourage existing technology leaders to receive educator endorsements to teach computer science and similar tech courses. For existing educators, NHED will reimburse the cost of any exams or licensure costs for qualified credentials, up to a total of \$2,000. In addition, teachers will receive a stipend for each credential acquired, up to a total of \$750.
- **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.

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