



## *Friday Forum*

December 13, 2024

- Congratulations to New Hampshire's newest [Distinguished Schools](#) – the **Christa McAuliffe School** in Concord and **Sunset Heights Elementary School** in Nashua. They represent two of about 100 schools throughout the country that are being nationally honored for exceptional student achievement in 2024.
- The [LifeChanger of the Year program](#) honors K-12 public school educators and employees. New Hampshire [nominations](#) are encouraged for this national **recognition program**.
- **Safe Grants (Rounds 1, 2, and 3):** All funds must be expended and all activities completed by Dec. 31, 2024. There are no extensions available. The last day to submit reimbursement requests is Jan. 30. Please submit your reimbursement requests in GMS. Email [Krzysztof.J.Armatys@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Krzysztof.J.Armatys@doe.nh.gov) with questions.
- A [Know and Tell Training](#) will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 26 at NHED, 25 Hall St. in Concord. Participants will learn about **mandated reporting responsibilities** required by law, child abuse signs to look for, and more.
- Elementary and secondary teachers, administrators, arts educators and artists are invited to participate in the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual **ETC Integrated Arts Conference** on Jan. 24. [Registration](#) is now open.
- A call for proposals is now open for the **Learning Forward 2025 Annual Conference**. Share your professional learning and school improvement expertise with educators around the world by [submitting a proposal](#).
- The Office of ESEA Title Programs will be accepting [applications](#) to join the **Title I Committee of Practitioners** through Dec. 1. The deadline for accepting applications has been extended until Dec. 15 for those that meet the requirement of either being a member of a local school board or are a representative of a non-public school/students. The application is closed for all other committee positions.
- Women's Transportation Seminar is announcing its **2025 Undergraduate Scholarship**, which is open to current and past high school students from NH and college students currently studying in the state. Young women pursuing undergraduate studies in transportation-related fields, including engineering, science, technology, and math are encouraged to [apply](#).

- Future Engineers is hosting a [Battelle Climate Challenge](#) and is asking students to research the impacts of climate hazards in their community and develop a proposed **climate action**. Entries are due Feb. 7.

### **Technical Advisories**

- This week, NHED published a **technical advisory** related to [Released Time Religious Education](#).
- This week, NHED published a **technical advisory** related to [Long-term Hires of Non-Credentialed Substitute Teachers or School Nurses and the Minor Assignment of Educators by a Senior Education Official](#).

### **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.
- A free virtual workshop is available, **Using Self-Regulated Strategy Development (thinkSRSD) to Develop English Learners' Writing**, presented by Dr. Kate McCaffery and Natalie Lau-Chien (a teacher of English Learners), on Dec. 16 from 3:30-5 pm on [Zoom](#). Read the [What Works Clearinghouse intervention report](#). No registration required! Contact [Janna.M.Jobel@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Janna.M.Jobel@doe.nh.gov) with questions.
- A free virtual presentation, **Literacy for English Learners: What's "Reading Science" Got to Do with It?**, is being presented by Dr. Claude Goldenberg on Dec. 17 from 3:30-4:30 on [Zoom](#). Share the promotional [flyer](#) with your district. No registration required! Contact [Janna.M.Jobel@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Janna.M.Jobel@doe.nh.gov) with questions.
- A virtual information session to support **deaf and hard of hearing youth** will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 16. This [session](#) provides resources for life after high school and is appropriate for ages 14-22.
- UNH Professional Development & Training has K-12 education workshops focused on **classroom technology** this January, including [Google Educator L1](#), [Using Video Modeling and Peer Modeling to Teach SEL Skills](#), and [Differentiation with Google Workspace Tools](#).

### **Resources for Educators**

- The Saint Anselm College's master's program in education offers several pathways for those interested in **special education**. Those who already have a license to teach and a bachelor's in education may consider the Fellowship Program which provides students with a free master's degree in exchange for their work in a district. For those who are not yet licensed teachers, there is also an initial pathway to obtain a master's degree in education with licensure in special education or only a license in special education. In addition, course may be taken for PD/CEUs. To learn more, contact [lwasielle@anselm.edu](mailto:lwasielle@anselm.edu).

- Give your chess students the gift of **ChessKid Gold licenses** for Christmas! The Granite Gambit program, sponsored by NHED, will be distributing a limited number of ChessKid Gold licenses at no cost to NH schools with existing chess programs. The licenses are available now with an expiration date of Sept. 30, 2026, for both students and chess coaches. To apply for free licenses, send an email to [support@chessineducation.us](mailto:support@chessineducation.us). Include: your full name, email address containing your NH school domain, school email address, the number of gold licenses requested (limited to those students who will use the program), a brief description of your chess use/program and the number of students, and the approving principal/administrator's name and email.
- **Granite Gambit** professional development for 2025 is now open for [registration](#). Learn how to connect chess to the classroom.
- 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.
- Your **Discovery Education** managers for NH are available for no-cost professional learning to help educators leverage an engaging and effective resource. Think of Discovery Education Experience as the Swiss-Army knife for learning! Curiosity-sparking multimodal content (all subject areas plus virtual field trips and career exploration), integrated edtech tools for personalization and differentiation, covering K-12, with integrated on-demand professional learning. Support for new teachers and ELL's is available, or to fill in any instructional or curricular gaps. [Learn more](#).

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