



Friday Forum

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- This week, NHED and Discovery Education [launched](#) the first 42 lessons in a new series of engaging, New Hampshire-specific digital resources bolstering **civics education** for K-12 students across the state. Educators seeking access to the free resources are invited to visit the [NH Partnership Resource page](#). Webinars for educators will be held to provide more details on the lessons:
 - [Mondays noon to 12:45 \(March 3 to April 14\)](#)
 - [Wednesdays 3:00 to 3:45 \(March 5 to April 16\)](#)
 - [Thursdays 4:00 to 4:45 \(March 6 to April 17\)](#)
- The **U.S. Department of Education** recently sent a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) to educational institutions receiving federal funds notifying them to cease using race preferences and stereotypes as a factor in their admissions, hiring, promotion, compensation, scholarships, prizes, administrative support, sanctions, discipline, and beyond. Institutions that fail to comply may, consistent with applicable law, face investigation and loss of federal funding, according to this [press release](#) from USED.
- Happy [CTE Month](#)! Not only do **Career and Technical Education** centers provide students with industry-recognized credentials, certifications and college credit, the programming also aligns educational outcomes with industry demands – helping to build a future-ready workforce pipeline in NH. We want to recognize the 11,029 students enrolled in CTE programs throughout New Hampshire’s 26 CTE centers.
- Starting today, **iNHDEX** will be the primary student data collection tool and i4see will no longer be used. Thank you for being patient during this transition.
- Applications are now open for the [2025 Lt. Governors' STEM Scholarship Program](#) offered by the **National Lieutenant Governors Association**. NLGA will award up to \$1,000 to 12 schools in 12 states and territories to support STEM-related programming, projects, equipment, curriculum and other endeavors. Visit [nlga.awardsplatform.com](#) to submit an application by March 7.
- There have been a number of **Executive Actions** by the U.S. Department of Education and the Trump Administration. NHED is developing guidance for schools that will be available as quickly as possible. In the meantime, some of the relevant Executive Orders may be found at [whitehouse.gov](#) and [education.nh.gov](#).

- **Know & Tell**, mandated reporting training for professionals, will be offered 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, the child abuse signs to look for, tips for making the reporting process easier and more. [Register](#) for the \$25 event.
- The 5th Annual Regional [Transition Fair](#) will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 9 at Concord Parks and Recreation, 14 Canterbury Rd., Concord. Hosted in part by NHED's **VR New Hampshire**, the event will offer individuals with disabilities and their families an opportunity to connect with local agencies for information on independent living programs, college and career training programs, employment programs and more.
- [Major Choice](#) is a newly approved **Learn Everywhere** program in New Hampshire. Major Choice offers a mentor-integrated career exploration and skill-building course that students, once complete, may earn a half-credit toward their graduation requirements. It is also available for students with disabilities through NHED's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. Additionally, [Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.](#) is another entity that was recently approved as a new Learn Everywhere program to provide a combination of job exploration and work-based learning experiences for students with disabilities.
- NHED's **Office of Nutrition Programs and Services** is announcing a [grant funding opportunity](#) for the implementation and/or expansion of school gardens. For questions, please reach out to Madeline.R.Parker@doe.nh.gov or Amy.L.McGregor@doe.nh.gov.
- Scholarship America is now accepting applications for **the Scholarship America Veteran Scholarship for Educators**. This [scholarship](#) offers up to \$10,000 in funding, renewable annually, to help veterans who are pursuing degrees in career and technical education certification, teaching, education, counseling, psychology or social work who plan to work in the K-12 school system.
- **One Trusted Adult** and GEAR UP New Hampshire are offering free [paraeducator training](#) this March, which is designed to equip paras with essential tools and strategies to build positive relationships with students, support their academic success and enhance their overall well-being. [Register now](#).
- NHED and Xello are hosting two upcoming training sessions. A [Beginners Overview of Work-Based Learning for Educators](#) webinar will take place from noon to 1 p.m. on Feb. 25, which will explore work-based learning Xello accounts. A [New Hampshire's Getting Started with Xello for 9-12 Educators](#) webinar will begin at noon on Feb. 26, which is perfect for new or returning Xello users.
- Join NHED's Bureau of Adult Education at 9 a.m. on March 18 for its **High School Equivalency Information for Schools** [webinar](#). We will be providing an overview of both the GED and the HiSET tests for school faculty and staff members. We will

discuss the test contents, test preparation, paying for the test, registering, and other useful information.

Resources for Educators

- UNH Professional Development and Training is offering “**Citizen & Community Science: Designing Projects for Research and Engagement,**” which is a 36-hour online program that equips participants with the skills to design effective citizen and community science projects. It will run from March 2 to April 13. [Learn more.](#)
- UNH Professional Development and Training is offering “**The UNH History Department’s History Day,**” which is a professional development event for history and social studies teachers on March 29 at the UNH Durham Campus. [Learn more.](#)
- NHED partners 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 all NH high school students (and adult education centers that serve high school students 18+) 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](#) for details, or contact matt@kaipodlearning.com.
- Discovery Education is partnering with the **Mt. Washington Observatory** for a professional development opportunity. Learn how Discovery Education Experience, paid through a partnership with NHED, supports your instruction on weather. You’ll learn about education program offerings supported by Mt. Washington Observatory, including school-day, virtual, afterschool, and field trip programs. The PD will take place on March 8 from 9 am to noon in North Conway, NH. [Register here.](#)

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