



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- The State Board of Education on Thursday approved new [Holocaust and Genocide Education Rules](#), and issued [this statement](#) in recognition of April being **Holocaust and Genocide Awareness Month**.
- The commissioner has issued a [letter](#) reminding school leaders that the statewide educator preparation programs of the New Hampshire Institution of Higher Education Network are once again implementing the **NH Teacher Candidate Assessment of Performance** program. Please be aware that the law has been amended to allow the use of video for student teachers.
- NHED is pleased to announce that, for the second year in a row, it is launching its **Yes, Every Student (YES!) scholarship program**. The YES! scholarship program is designed to help families and residents whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by awarding \$1,000 scholarships to New Hampshire students, which includes public, non-public, home education and Education Freedom Account students. The scholarships may be used for tutoring provided by [certified NH educators](#), as well as special education therapies and services provided by certified NH special education teachers or licensed therapists. To apply, visit [Yes Every Student](#). Please share this [handout flyer](#) with your families.
- USED is hosting a virtual summit at 4 p.m. on April 27 titled: **From Recovery to Thriving: How the American Rescue Plan is Supporting America's Students**. You may register [here](#).
- NHED has issued a new [TA fact sheet](#) regarding **Civics Instruction** and the passing of House Bill 157:1, and pursuant to 189:11, II.
- **Discovery Education** is excited to share April resources, including [events starting on April 22](#) for Earth Day such as learning from a NASA engineer about the Artemis Moon Mission and Exploring the Ocean with Shark Week's Luke Tipple. April is also Financial Literacy Month, and we are encouraging educators to explore [updated resources](#). Please contact Nancy Rose at nrose@discoveryed.com with questions about gaining free access.
- [Waterford.org](#) is an education nonprofit with a mission to achieve universal literacy for children. We are proud to partner with Waterford Upstart to give the gift of learning and confidence to young children, and at no cost to NH families. Waterford Upstart is an at-home, **early learning program** that helps children build reading skills before kindergarten so they

can be confident in the classroom on day one. Please share these registration links with parents for the [fall program](#) and [summer program](#). Here is a [sample letter](#) for districts to distribute to parents with children preparing to enter kindergarten.

- Seacoast United is collaborating with NH Employment Security to host a **statewide virtual job fair** on May 4. The free event allows every high school student across the state to log in that day and speak with a company about employment opportunities for the summer. To register as a job seeker or as an employer, visit [Summer Jobs For Students](#).
- The [603 Bright Futures survey](#) will remain open until April 29. We are urging school districts to please share this information with staff, families and the community. Here is a [handout flyer](#) for your convenience. To date, more than 19,000 responses have been submitted. We greatly appreciate your participation.
- For the second year in a row, NHED is partnering with NH camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer its [ReKindling Curiosity summer camp](#) initiative. [Here is a handout](#) flyer with detailed information on the program, which we encourage schools to share with their families. The state-operated summer enrichment program will pay up to \$650 of the youth recreation camp fees for qualifying students.

NHED Discretionary Grants

- NH School Safe: Threat Assessment Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-learner-support/bureau-of-student-wellness/osew/grants>
- Robotics Education Development Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/robotics-ed-fund.pdf>
- Expanded Adult Diploma Program Credit Options Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-rfa-expanding-credits.pdf>
- Adult Education Technology Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-rfa-technology.pdf>
- Adult Diploma Program Website Development/Improvement Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-website-adp.pdf>
- Adult Education & Literacy Program Website Development/Improvement Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-website-ael.pdf>

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