



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

May 20, 2022

- Please join NHED and College Board from 1-3 p.m. on June 1 for an in-person workshop: Using the Score Reporting Portal to **Interpret Your SAT** Suite of Assessment Results. This workshop will support administrators and teams of educators in using PSAT and SAT data to inform student learning to foster greater college readiness for all students. Register [here](#).
- Districts are invited to participate in the pilot of the [Desired Results Developmental Profile \(DRDP\)](#). DRDP is an authentic assessment that is designed to capture and document children's strengths across developmental domains to inform curriculum development and individualized learning. NHED will be piloting this tool with a group of preschool and kindergarten programs for the 2022-2023 school year to evaluate the potential use of the tool for documenting **Preschool Outcomes** for IDEA, as well as an available Kindergarten Readiness Assessment moving forward. [Click here](#) for more details.
- NHED's Vocational Rehabilitation is hosting a Zoom meeting at 2 p.m. on June 7, "VRNH Collaborate and Connect Event: **Transition from High School to the World of Work.**" The webinar will highlight how VR can assist students at their jobs, strategies that can be used to help students navigate the successes and challenges of becoming gainfully employed and more. Register [here](#).
- The annual **Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) survey** is now live, with responses due on June 30. RSA 200:11-a requires that the school principal, or designee, complete the survey, which is in ESS and available through [myNHDOE](#).
- To ensure that families in NH are connected to reliable broadband services, NHED and ExcelinED are sharing important information about the **Affordable Connectivity Program**, which lowers internet costs for eligible families, including students approved to receive benefits under the National Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program and school breakfast program. We urge you to share [this information](#) with your families.

- The 2022 **Healthcare Career Exploration Fair** for youth K-12, sponsored by Monadnock Region Healthcare Workforce Group, will take place from 1-5 p.m. June 2 at Cheshire Medical Center West Campus, 62 Maple Ave., Keene. Students will be able to learn more about a variety of careers at the [event](#).
- Students and upcoming graduates are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual U.S. **Department of Labor Virtual Job Fair** from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 24. Multiple agencies will be represented at the fair, and registration is available [here](#).
- May is **Mental Health Awareness Month**. Each Monday this month, NHED's Office of Social and Emotional Wellness is releasing a post on social media that contains a fact, resource, tip and activity related to a mental health topic. This week's topic was Preventing Bullying and Cyberbullying, and next Monday's will be Destigmatizing Mental Illness. Look for the posts on the [Bureau of Student Wellness Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and on [NHED's Facebook](#).
- If your district or school is offering summer professional development or summer school, **Discovery Education** is available to partner with you at no cost. Please reach out to nrose@discoveryed.com. This month, Discovery Education is featuring its [newly updated Health Channel](#), celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Channel and other resources celebrating Physical Fitness and Mental Health Awareness.
- NHED is asking school districts to reach out to us and share success stories on how they are using **COVID-relief funds**. Please email kimberly.c.houghton@doe.nh.gov.
- NHED's **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. 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](#). Certified educators or licensed service providers that are interested in providing supplemental services as part of this program should complete this [form](#).
- 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. NHED is partnering with Waterford to offer these services at no cost. 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.

- 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>

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