



Friday Forum

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- This week, NHED released its [Input-Based Accountability System](#) report for 2024, which highlights how public schools are attesting that they provide an adequate education. Overall, 87% of schools self-reported that they are fully compliant.
- Save the date and be sure to secure student transportation for the [New Hampshire Bringing Back the Trades](#) event on Nov. 15 at NHTI in Concord. Special guest Mike Rowe from the TV show “Dirty Jobs” will be speaking, and a total of \$50,000 worth of scholarships will be distributed to students attending the event and **Tradeapalooza** Career Fair. Tickets are limited.
- Administrative Rule Ed 504.4 – **Emergency Authorization** – was repealed by the State Board of Education as of July 12, 2024. This repeal removes the responsibility of issuing one-year Certificates of Eligibility from NHED’s Bureau of Credentialing and transfers that responsibility to the local school district. This [letter](#) provides more information, including the Bureau’s Help Desk ticketing system.
- Schoolhouse.world hosts free, virtual **SAT prep** for students to help them prepare for the digital SAT. Registrations are open for the August Bootcamp, taking place July 26 to Aug. 22 in preparation for the Aug. 24 SAT. Past participants have seen an average score increase of 40-55 points on the SAT. Registration closes on July 24, so act now while spots last. Sign up [here](#).
- NHED recently launched its [UpGrade](#) initiative, which 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. [Learn more](#).
- The [NASA TechRise Student Challenge](#) empowers teams of students from grades 6-12 to design, build and launch experiments on NASA-supported test flights. Guided by an educator, student teams affiliated with U.S. public, private and charter schools may submit ideas for experiments to test on a high-altitude balloon flight with exposure to Earth’s atmosphere and views of our planet. The student challenge launches on Aug. 1.

- For prospective and current districts partnering with Khan Academy for its **Khanmigo** AI pilot, a [series of webinars](#) are being hosted throughout the summer designed to enhance your school's educational strategies and ensure a dynamic start to the upcoming school year.
- Is your school building undergoing new construction, renovations or purchasing energy-efficient equipment this summer? If so, connect with the **NHSaves** program to evaluate your project for incentives. [Learn more](#) about the program, its offerings and who to contact.
- **Discovery Education** is hosting a half-day of learning from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 15 at NHED, 25 Hall St. in Concord. NH educators using Discovery Education will explore how to enhance instruction with SOS Strategies across the subject areas (especially reading and math), apply learning through career and workforce exploration resources, leverage Discovery Education to empower student voice and choice, and take a sneak peek at the coming NH Civics and History resources (for SB216). Recipients will receive lunch, snacks, fun prizes and a certificate for PD hours. [Register Here.](#)
- **NHED recently issued this [technical advisory](#) regarding HB 354, which allows public chartered schools to be eligible to apply for school building aid. Applications are due on April 1 of each year, starting in 2025. School building aid grants may be used for the construction of a new school or the substantial renovation of an existing school. Building aid grant awards are based upon the ranking of the school's building aid application and the availability of State and local funding.**
- Dave Smith, Director of the Northeast Region for Cognia, developed a no-cost reading presentation titled, "*Cognia Reads: Bringing the Magic Through Reading,*" as a way to excite students into improving their literacy skills. Last year, nearly 4,000 elementary students in 16 schools participated in the program. **Cognia Reads** would like to partner with schools that run 'reading-incentive' programs. The reader/readers of the week/month will be entered into a drawing to win 4 Red Sox tickets in the Dell Tech suite and a parking pass to a June 2025 game. If interested, contact david.smith@cognia.org.

Resources for Educators

- The annual [Summer Educators Institute](#) will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on July 31 at Keene State College. This year's theme is **Engaging and Empowering Students and Teachers in Learning**. There is no cost to attend this event, which is funded through Title II, Part A funding from NHED and support from the SW Center for Educator Support at KSC. Concurrently, a [New Teachers Retreat](#) for newly hired educators with less than three years of teaching experience will also take place with the Summer Educators Institute.
- NHED is partnering with Khan Academy to offer a pilot artificial intelligence platform for educators and students in grades 5-12 statewide. **Khanmigo** is Khan Academy's AI offering, which 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.

- **UNH Professional Development and Training** is offering a new opportunity for educators in grades 5-12, starting this summer. A [New and Early Career Teacher Mentoring Program](#) starts Aug. 6 and will be held in Portsmouth and live online. This year-long certificate course is intended for teachers in their first year or early careers as they navigate the transition from college education to their own classrooms.
- **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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