



Friday Forum

July 26, 2024

- The New Hampshire **Teacher of the Year** selection committee is pleased to announce the four [finalists](#) for New Hampshire's 2025 Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to Chelsea Barrett Viera from Highland Goffe's Falls Elementary School in Manchester, Kristen Dacey from Dr. Lewis F. Soule School in Salem, Candice DeAngelis from Bedford High School and Brian Gray from Sanborn Regional High School and now Hampton Academy.
- Fifty-two teachers from 15 schools recently completed year one of the TeachUNITED [Coaching for Impact Program](#), which offers **rural schools** with individualized professional development for their leadership teams and educators.
- 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. NHED is partnering with Khan Academy to offer Khanmigo for educators and students in grades 5-12 statewide. Khanmigo 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.
- The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing at noon on Sept. 12 at 25 Hall St. in Concord to review proposed changes to [Ed 311](#), **School Health Services**.
- NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management's School Readiness Program would like to advise you that the **Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)** submission portal for the 2024/2025 school year is now open. Plans shall be reviewed annually and submitted to NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management by Oct. 15 of each year using the secure portal. Please use this [link](#).
- [The Reading League NH](#) offers free and low-cost educational events that further the understanding of the **science of reading** and work together with partners and state leaders to influence literacy outcomes in New Hampshire. Please save the date for an Aug. 20 event at 5 p.m. with Jane Ashby on Teaching Phoneme Awareness: A Guide for Education 2024.
- NHED's **Bureau of Credentialing** is sharing its [July newsletter](#).

- School administrators are invited to a closed-door roundtable hosted by **Discovery Education** from 1 to 1:45 p.m. on Aug. 7. Courageous Leaders Coffee Chat: Focusing your District on Best, First Instruction will include Brian Goodwin, president and CEO of McREL. [Register here.](#)
- This week, the Department of Homeland Security [announced](#) the inaugural members of the **Federal School Safety Clearinghouse External Advisory Board**. The NCSS is honored to be part of this dedicated group of experts working to enhance K-12 school safety and security nationwide.
- 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.

Resources for Educators

- All NH educators and administrators are invited to attend a panel discussion hosted by **District Administration** and sponsored by Discovery Education from 2 to 2:45 p.m. on Aug. 8 titled: “The Power of Curiosity for Student Engagement, Motivation and Persistence.” The event will be led by Dr. Tim Hudson, Chief Learning Officer with Discovery Education. [Register here.](#)
- 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.
- **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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