



**Friday Forum**

**August 16, 2024**

- This week, the State Board of Education approved the final proposal to amend rules governing a portion of the [Minimum Standards for Public Schools Approval](#), which outlines **regulatory requirements** for the operation of public school districts and public academies.
- A previous law requiring that the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA) be completed as a requirement for high school graduation has been repealed. [House Bill 1066](#) now requires that school boards and governing bodies ensure that every student eligible for graduation have the opportunity to receive information on how to properly complete and submit the FAFSA.
- A final reminder to charter schools planning to submit **Renewal Lease Aid Applications** that all forms must be submitted by Sept. 1. Charter schools that received aid in the 2023-2024 school year, and whose lease has not undergone any substantive changes from last year, may submit a Renewal Lease Aid Application. This may be found [here](#). For those charters that have already submitted their Initial Lease Aid Application forms, but have not yet submitted all required attachment documents, please be aware that the final due date for all required documentation listed on the form is also Sept. 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. 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.

- Governor Sununu has signed a [proclamation](#) recognizing September as “**Welcoming Schools Month**” to ensure that educational communities are welcoming communities.
- Please join NHED and Boston College School of Social Work for an in-person, [free screening](#) and discussion of the **Chasing Childhood** documentary from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Aug. 21 at NHED, 25 Hall St. in Concord. The film spotlights experts and families who are empowering young people to explore their independence, enjoy unstructured time and be free to thrive.
- Save the date! NHED’s VR New Hampshire team and River Valley Community College will host a [Level Up](#) event and tour on Nov. 1 at **River Valley Community College** in Claremont for students thinking about opportunities after high school.
- The New Hampshire Association of School Principals and the New Hampshire Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development will host a **day of learning** with renowned educator and author Kim Marshall. The [event](#) will take place on Nov. 14 at Sky Meadow Country Club in Nashua.
- Two students from each state will be selected to attend the 63<sup>rd</sup> **United States Senate Youth Program** Washington Week in March 2025. This week, superintendents were notified via email about the nomination process. In New Hampshire, each high school principal may nominate one eligible junior or senior student. The nominations are due no later than Oct. 11. Details are available [here](#).
- 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.
- The Bureau of Career Development at NHED previously released a request for applications (RFA) to provide a **funding opportunity** to address costs associated with transporting high school students to programs at regional Career and Technical Education (CTE) centers. All sending districts as defined in the RSA are eligible to [apply](#). Contact [Jeffry.w.beard@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Jeffry.w.beard@doe.nh.gov) with more details.

## **Resources and Webinars for Educators**

- Professional Counselors are invited to this special event! NHED and **College Guidance Network** are hosting a “Building Effective School Profiles” webinar at noon on Aug. 28 featuring Kim DeRego of UNH and Brennan Barnard of Khan Schools Network. This session is designed especially for professional counselors to equip them with practical strategies to showcase school strengths, academic rigor and student success stories in a way that resonates with colleges. [Register here](#).
- Join Marina Seevak MAT for a workshop webinar at 7:00 p.m. Aug. 22 to explore the use of loose parts in the classroom as a way of **developing self-esteem** and relationships - part of the *Wellbeing and Play in Schools Webinar Series*. Certificates of attendance are available. [More details](#).
- Join Drs. Jessica Black and Maggie Van Camp as part of the fall readings series at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26 to discuss **brain development in children** and adolescents - part of the *Wellbeing and Play in Schools Webinar Series*. Certificates of attendance are available. [Details here](#).
- Join Dr. Peter Gray, a research professor from Boston College, for a webinar at 7:00 p.m. on Aug. 28 to discuss the importance of **free play** and independent adventures for children and teens - part of the *Wellbeing and Play in Schools Webinar Series*. Certificates of attendance are available. [Register here](#).
- **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.
- NHED’s [UpGrade](#) program 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.

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