



## *Friday Forum*

August 2, 2024

- This week, NHED issued a [technical advisory](#) on HB 1015, which relates to literacy skill development in elementary grades. Please be aware that HB 1015 that amends RSA 189:53 is now in effect, however the changes in the law are to be implemented beginning July 1, 2027.
- This week, NHED issued a [technical advisory](#) on SB 379, which relates to emergency plans for sports related injuries. Please be aware that most of the amendments contained in SB 379 are effective Aug. 1, 2024, however one section will become effective on Aug. 1, 2025.
- 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 [Ed 321](#) School Building Construction and Building Aid rules were adopted on July 12 and are now in effect. Applications are due April 1, 2025. Contact [amy.c.clark@doe.nh.gov](mailto:amy.c.clark@doe.nh.gov) with questions.
- A free conference for high school math professionals will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 16 at NHTI in Concord. High school math teachers, curriculum directors and administrators may [register](#) for the conference, Math Learning Communities – Creating Connections, and be awarded 0.4 CEUs for participating.
- Crotched Mountain Foundation has approved a new round of [partnership awards](#) to NH schools in low-income communities to improve education and opportunities for kids with autism and other disabilities. Communities and school districts selected for awards include: Berlin, Littleton, Newport and the White Mountain School District.
- 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](#).
- **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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