



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- Congratulations to Enfield Village School, Hanover High School and The Birches Academy of Academics and Art for being named [2022 National Blue Ribbon Schools](#). These three schools were among a group of 297 schools nationwide to be recognized for their high academic performance and ability to close achievement gaps.
- Keeping Students Safe: Practical Strategies for **Supporting Students in Mental Health Distress** is a Dartmouth Health, Project ECHO program to help support schools in New Hampshire. A representative from NHED will participate in the panel of this interactive, web-based learning series for school staff to provide tools to better support the increased number of students experiencing depression, anxiety, trauma and more. School counselors, nurses and principals are invited to [register](#) for the series, which will launch at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 and run every other Tuesday until Dec. 13.
- The New Hampshire Information and Analysis Center would like to share this [School Safety & Security Bulletin](#) with school leaders.
- Please be aware that the NH High School Equivalency (**HiSET**) exam used to award high school equivalency will be unavailable from Sept. 23 until Oct. 3. More information is available [here](#).
- **KNOW & TELL** is an education program of the Granite State Children's Alliance to educate all adults to know the signs of abuse/neglect and tell responsible authorities when a child needs help. This [training](#) fulfills NH's RSA 189:13-A mandate (effective as of Jan. 2021) to provide school employees whose position requires a criminal background check with information materials, training, or other education concerning child sexual abuse prevention, warning signs of child abuse, and child abuse reporting mandates within 30 days of hire (renewed every two years).
- NHED has issued a [technical advisory](#) that clarifies the New Hampshire statute requiring public school districts to release **student directory information to military recruiters** and institutions of higher education upon their request.
- NHED's Bureau of Federal Compliance newsletter for the second quarter of FY 2022-2023 is available [here](#).

- You are invited to the Bretton Woods Convocation! The **NH Youth Summit**, Dream Teams & Day's Festivities will converge for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for youth from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the Omni Mount Washington Resort at Bretton Woods. Students, staff and administrators from every high school in New Hampshire are invited to attend [the event](#), which includes the NH Youth Summit, The Northern Kingdom and NH Has Talent Gala Concert. There is no registration fee, however a contribution for meals and beverages is suggested.
- Please check out this new [funding opportunity](#) from NHED's Office of Social and Emotional Wellness, which aims to improve social-emotional outcomes of preschool students with disabilities through the implementation of the evidence-based Pyramid Model Framework.
- A three-day, interactive training designed for school districts and administrators focusing on the NH Multi-Tiered System of Supports for Behavioral Health and Wellness is being offered on Nov. 4, Nov. 18, and Dec. 2. More details are available [here](#).
- **Civics Fundamentals** with Judge Douglas Ginsburg is a free civics course through [izzit.org](#) that complements schools now requiring a civics component for graduation. This is a no-cost resource for New Hampshire administrators and educators. More information is available [here](#).
- **Lexia LETRS professional learning program** is available (at no cost) to educators, administrators, parents and guardians. Visit this [link](#) to register. Enrollment is open until Oct. 3. More information is available [here](#), and questions may be emailed to SOR@doe.nh.gov.
- NHED has partnered with **Graduation Alliance** to provide an extra layer of support for K-12 students and their families to boost school engagement and academic success during the school year. Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an academic coach. Learn more [here](#).
- Continuing with its efforts to close gaps and recover from missed learning, NHED has selected Tutor.com to provide 24/7 online **tutoring for students in grades 6-12** throughout the state. More information about this initiative may be found [here](#). School districts are being encouraged to [register](#) for Tutor.com's free access for their students; About 25 schools are already registered and tutoring sessions have begun. Individual students may register [here](#).
- Join 321 Insight trainers as they facilitate the next Title II, Part A sponsored professional development day on Oct. 7. This free, full day of collaborative professional learning will focus on **strengthening teacher-paraeducator partnerships** and classroom management strategies to proactively address challenging behavior. [Register](#) by Sept. 30 for a session at one of three locations.
- The 61st **U.S. Senate Youth Program** Washington Week will be held in March. Two students from each state will be selected to attend and each will receive a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship. In NH, each high school principal may nominate one eligible junior or senior student. Applications are available for download [here](#).

- Are you or someone you know looking to get a **Paraprofessional II licensure**? NHTI is offering an 8-week online portfolio course from Oct. 24 to Dec. 16. This online course is structured to individualize your needs while providing support to meet state requirements. Funding may be available through your district. For more information contact Cynthia Lucero at clucero@ccsnh.edu or register [here](#).
- The **National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security**, hosted by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, brings school safety experts, practitioners, and leaders together to share actionable recommendations that enhance safe and supportive learning environments in K-12 schools. The 2022 National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security will be presented in a no-cost virtual format on Nov. 1-3. To learn more about the event or register, visit [this link](#).
- The **school emergency operations plan (EOP)** portal is now open. Every public, chartered public and nonpublic school is required to develop a site-specific school EOP that is based on and conforms to the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System. Please submit your EOP by Oct 15 via HSEM's [secure portal](#), which opened on Sept. 1. For questions about the portal, contact schoolreadiness@dos.nh.gov or 603-271-2231. For additional tools to aid in developing and implementing a school EOP, along with instructions on how to obtain the newest version of the EOP template, visit [this link](#).

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