



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

Sept. 30, 2022

- At noon on Monday, Oct. 3, Commissioner Frank Edelblut will host a **conference call with school leaders**. Log-in information for the Zoom call is 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](#).
- NHED has selected Tutor.com to provide 24/7 online **tutoring for students in grades 6-12** throughout the state. 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](#).
- Please share with your school families! New Hampshire students are invited to participate in two upcoming **SAT prep courses** (at no cost) through Schoolhouse.world to prepare for the November and December SAT exams. Register [here](#).
- Congratulations to all of the New Hampshire teachers and support staff that took a giant leap from 12,500 feet in the air this week with the Golden Knights, the U.S. Army's Parachute Team. Read [more](#) about the promotional recruiting efforts.
- Please be aware that the NH High School Equivalency (**HISET**) exam used to award high school equivalency will be unavailable until Oct. 3. Please note that while testing will resume on Monday, not all test centers are set up with the newly revised system. NHED will have a new process for approving waivers for the age requirement. More information will be available [here](#).
- This Monday, Oct. 3, is the **NH Great Apple Crunch**. In celebration of National Farm to School Month, NHED's Office of Nutrition Programs and Services is hosting the state's second annual NH Great Apple Crunch. Crunch into a locally grown apple to celebrate. NHED is encouraging school staff, students and educators to share pictures and videos of themselves crunching into fresh apples to social media with the hashtag #NHGreatAppleCrunch2022. Contact [Madeline.r.anastasia@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Madeline.r.anastasia@doe.nh.gov) with questions.

- **Discovery Education** invites districts and schools to [request professional development](#), at no cost, in accordance with an agreement with NHED. Contact [nrose@discoveryed.com](mailto:nrose@discoveryed.com) to get access.
- NHED issued four new **technical advisories** this week on topics such as: Content of an adequate education, personal finance literacy, requiring emergency action plans for sports related injuries and the Suicide Prevention Act. You may view all of the technical advisories [here](#).
- Free [training and technical assistance is available](#) for the **Medicaid To Schools** program for New Hampshire schools to gain access to federal dollars to cover critical health services for children.
- A collection of self-paced professional learning [workshops](#) are being made available by NHED through WIDA for all NH educators. There are eight free workshops designed to support classroom teachers and support staff working directly with **English learners**, and may be completed individually or adjusted to fit the format of your local professional learning community. Topics include: Engaging multilingual learners in science, reframing education for long-term English learners, engaging multilingual newcomers and more.
- 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.
- VR New Hampshire and NHTI will be hosting a [career exploration event](#) from 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 4 at the NHTI campus. Participants will be able to meet prospective employers, learn about tools, explore a college campus and gain knowledge about the state's labor market and workforce needs.
- Learn how to write **winning grant proposals** and follow grant compliance guidelines at two grant training opportunities hosted by Pease Development Authority and Grant Writing USA. A two-day grant writing workshop will be held Oct. 17-18 in Portsmouth; register [here](#) (the cost is \$495). A two-day grant management training will be held Nov. 14-15 in Portsmouth; register [here](#) (the cost is \$595).
- **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. Questions may be emailed to [SOR@doe.nh.gov](mailto: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](#). Contact [erin.luper@graduationalliance.com](mailto:erin.luper@graduationalliance.com) for more details.

- 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. The [registration](#) deadline has been extended to Oct. 6; choose a session at one of three locations.
- 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](mailto:schoolreadiness@dos.nh.gov) or 603-271-2231.

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