



## Learn Everywhere Program FAQs for Parents and Students

The following information is being provided by the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) to assist parents and students in understanding the Learn Everywhere program and how a student can both participate in the program and be awarded credit toward high school graduation.

**Q. What is the Learn Everywhere program?**

A. The Learn Everywhere program allows providers approved by the New Hampshire State Board of Education to issue credit certificates that can be exchanged, or “redeemed”, for credit in any New Hampshire public school, traditional or charter. School districts are required to accept these credit certificates and issue the student high school credit in the specified subject area, reflecting the successful completion of the learning opportunity by the student as determined by the Learn Everywhere provider.

**Q. What State statute allows Learn Everywhere?**

A. The authorizing statute for the Learn Everywhere program is New Hampshire RSA 193-E:2-a, V(b) relative to the approval of alternative programs for granting credit leading to graduation.

**Q. Where can I find the New Hampshire Department of Education rules that apply to Learn Everywhere programs?**

A. The Learn Everywhere program is subject to [CHAPTER Ed 1400 LEARN EVERYWHERE PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CREDIT](#). The most recent version of Ed 144 was adopted by the State Board of Education on June 9, 2022. The most recent version of Ed 1400 can be found here - [ed-1400-.pdf \(nh.gov\)](#)

**Q. Where can I find information on approved Learn Everywhere programs?**

A. Information about approved Learn Everywhere programs can be found on the Department of Education's website here - [Approved Learn Everywhere Programs | Department of Education \(nh.gov\)](#).

**Q. How do I enroll my student in a Learn Everywhere program?**

A. Simply contact the Learn Everywhere program provider and follow their application process. Let the program provider know you would like your child to earn a certificate for credit toward high school graduation as part of their participation in the program. There is no need to seek any additional permissions either from your child's school district or the New Hampshire department of Education.

**Q. Do I need permission from my student's school before enrolling them in a Learn Everywhere program?**

A. No, your student does not need any prior permission from their school prior to enrolling in a Learn Everywhere program with the intent of earning a certificate for credit to be applied toward high school graduation. However, NHED strongly encourages parents/guardians to discuss with your child's school the Learn Everywhere program being considered and how the credits anticipated to be earned by your student will help fulfill their high school graduation requirements.

To assist in this discussion, NHED has developed a Learn Everywhere [School District Notification Form](#) which has been provided to all approved Learn Everywhere program providers.

**Q. How much does a Learn Everywhere program cost?**

A. The cost of participating in a Learn Everywhere program is determined by the Learn Everywhere program provider. Some providers charge for their programs while others may offer reduced fees or scholarships based on family income levels. Some programs are completely free of charge. Please reach out to the individual Learn Everywhere program provider to find out about specific program costs. The New Hampshire Department of Education does not control Learn Everywhere program costs.

**Q. I have a student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and they want to participate in a Learn Everywhere program. What are the school's obligations?**

A. In accordance with Ed 1406.01, if a student with an IEP notifies the school of his or her intent to participate in a Learn Everywhere program, the school shall:

(1) Follow the procedures enumerated in Ed 1109.03(h) and 34 CFR 300.324 to schedule an IEP team meeting; and

(2) If requested by the child's parent or member of the IEP team, invite a representative from the Learn Everywhere program to attend the IEP team meeting.

If the IEP team decides to redraft, revise, amend, or modify the IEP, the IEP team shall:

(1) Determine what, if any, special education, related services, supplementary aids and services, accommodations, and modifications the student needs to participate in the program; and

(2) Be responsible for providing the student with the special education, related services, supplementary aids and services, accommodations, and modifications the IEP team has determined the student needs pursuant to (1) above.

The IEP team may decide not to redraft, revise, amend, or modify the IEP for reasons including, but not limited to:

(1) The program would not assist the student in making progress towards one or more of the student's annual goals or appropriate measurable postsecondary goals in the student's IEP, regardless of whether the program will result in the student earning a high school credit;

(2) The program is not necessary for the student to receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE); or

(3) The program is not safe for the student, even if the student were provided with special education, related services, accommodations, and other supports and services.

**Q. What if I, as the student's parent/guardian, disagrees with the determination of the IEP team regarding the student's placement in a Learn Everywhere program?**

A. A student's parent/guardian may follow the procedures outlined in Ed 1121 through Ed 1123 regarding complaints, alternative resolutions, and due process hearings.

**Q. My student completed a Learn Everywhere program and received a Completion Certificate. Now what?**

A. Once your student has completed a Learn Everywhere program approved New Hampshire public schools are required to grant students who present a valid Learn Everywhere Completion Certificate from an approved Learn Everywhere program high school credit, leading to graduation in the area enumerated on the Completion Certificate. Credits earned from Learn Everywhere programs shall appear on your student's high school transcripts but shall not negatively affect their grade point average.

Your student must submit the Completion Certificate to the high school where they wish to be granted credit, or they shall not receive credit. It is suggested you make a copy of the Completion Certificate before submitting the original to the school.

**Q. How many credits from Learn Everywhere programs can my student apply toward meeting their graduation requirements?**

A. A student may earn up to one-third, and the school may accept as much as 100 percent if approved by the superintendent, of the total number of credits required for high school graduation, if requested by your student.

**Q. What if my student turns in a Completion Certificate for credit in a content area in which they already have met the minimum credit requirements for graduation at their school?**

A. Students applying more than the required credit leading to graduation may petition the school to allow that credit to count toward another required subject enumerated in Ed 306.27(v). If that petition is denied, the credit shall be applied to the designated credit area and the student will have accumulated excess credits in that credit area.

**Q. How does the Learn Everywhere affect school funding? Is this an unfunded mandate?**

A. Learn Everywhere programs do not affect school funding. Schools will continue to be funded under the current formulas. Learn Everywhere does not require the school to create any new programs or administrative supports. Students who complete a Learn Everywhere program will receive a certificate with a grade from the participating program. This certificate will be provided to the student's school by the student so that credit can be awarded.

**Q. How will I know that my child is learning what they need to know in an approved Learn Everywhere course?**

A. Accountability and assessment are an important part of the Learn Everywhere program application and approval process. Learn Everywhere program applicants describe how they will assess students across the competencies that the student is expected to attain in the same way charter schools do now. One of the really great aspects of Learn Everywhere is how seamlessly it fits into and supports the existing public school system. Existing state and federal accountability systems are all still in place. Students are still required to take state and federal accountability assessments.

**Q. How do I know my child will be safe while attending a Learn Everywhere program?**

A. In working on the Learn Everywhere program, one thing that was discovered was that many families today participate in local student enrichment programs with little or no knowledge of basic safety precautions of the program. For example, parents may have no knowledge of the

background checks performed for instructors. Or perhaps they know that background checks are not part of the routine, but close involvement with the program allows them to be comfortable with their student's participation. Learn Everywhere has established two basic controls in this area.

- Background checks are required for instructional staff. Instructional staff are prohibited from serving if they have violated or are pending disposition for a RSA 189:13-a V violation. Programs must develop a background check policy and provide that to participating families.
- Facilities must meet federal and state health and safety requirements that apply if there were not an Learn Everywhere program.

**Q. What if an emergency situation arises that requires the program to be suspended?**

A. While Learn Everywhere program authorization can only occur through approval by the New Hampshire State Board of Education, the New Hampshire Department of Education has authority to suspend a Learn Everywhere program's license to offer certificates for credit if they find that there is a public health, safety or welfare concern. When such a suspension occurs, its ultimate resolution will follow the RSA 541-A:30, III adjudicative process with appropriate due process measures to the program operator

**Q. Who do I contact if I have questions about the Learn Everywhere program?**

A. For questions about the Learn Everywhere program you are encouraged to contact the NHED Administrator of Educational Pathways at 603-271-2634 or at [LearnEverywhere@doe.nh.gov](mailto:LearnEverywhere@doe.nh.gov).