

Learn Everywhere Program FAQs for School Districts

The following information is being provided by the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) to assist School Districts in understanding the Learn Everywhere program and how a student that participants in the program is 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 <u>CHAPTER Ed 1400 LEARN EVERYWHERE PROGRAM</u> <u>FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CREDIT</u>. 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 - <u>ed-1400-.pdf (nh.gov)</u>
- 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 does a student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) notify the school they want to participate in a Learn Everywhere program. What are the school's obligations?
 - 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 the student's parent/guardian disagrees with the determination of the IEP team regarding the student's placement in a Learn Everywhere program?

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

What information must be on a Learn Everywhere Completion Certificate?

Ed 1407.01 requires that Learn Everywhere Completion Certificates be signed by the person designated in Ed 1403.01(a)(2) and the instructor(s) of the program. The certificates shall contain course identification and credit information, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Course title;
- (2) Course minimum standard alignment;
- (3) Number of credits awarded; and
- (4) Either:

a. "Mastery" to indicate completion of the program having met or substantially met all state competencies which results in a granting of credit; or

b. "Participate" to indicate the program was completed without having met or substantially met all state competencies. An IEP team may conclude that participation shows growth toward one or more of a student's annual or appropriate measurable post-secondary goals

The student shall submit the Completion Certificate to the high school where they wish to be granted credit, or they shall not receive credit.

Q. I had a student submit a Learn Everywhere Completion Certificate. Now what?

A. Approved New Hampshire schools shall grant students who presents 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 high school transcripts but shall not negatively affect the student's grade point average.

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

A. A student may earn up to one-third of their total credits toward graduation from approved Learn Everywhere programs. A student may earn more than one-third of their total credits from approved Learn Everywhere programs towards graduation if approved by the superintendent and requested by the student.

What if a 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 my school?

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. Such credit may be counted toward elective credit if the student desires.

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

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A. For questions about the Learn Everywhere program you are encouraged to contact the NHED Administrator of Educational Pathways at 603-491-8060 or at LearnEverywhere@doe.nh.gov.

