

NHED Home Education Report

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Item #1 – Ed 315 Rule Revisions

The State Board of Education has adoption of the Ed 315 rules on its agenda at its September 14, 2023 meeting. As this Home Education Advisory Council (HEAC) meeting occurs after the SBOE meeting, and the HEAC meeting materials are required to be posted prior to the HEAC meeting, the final action of the SBOE on this item will be updated at the September 15, 2023 HEAC meeting.

Item #2 - NHED Home Education Web Page Update

Assuming the SBOE has adopted the new Ed 315 rules, information and documents on the NHED Home Education web page will be updated accordingly. The Office of Home Education hopes to have this work completed by the end of September. Our office also hopes to develop an informational webinar to present to public school districts about the updated home education laws and rules, and their related responsibilities. A timeline for this effort has not been developed.

Item #3 – Office of Adult Education Information

Sarah Wheeler indicated there have been no changes to the Ed 704.02 rule revision status as she has been busy with other obligations. As a reminder, Ed 704.02 is being revised as part of a larger rule revision to Ed 700. Of interest to HEAC, Ed 704.02(f) has been proposed to be modified to remove the requirement that a participating agency “attest” and removes the requirement that the student has passed the GED official practice test. I do not have the actual language nor do I have a timeline of the rulemaking process for Ed 700 at this time. I will provide that information of HEAC members once available.

Additionally, Sarah Wheeler would also like HEAC to be aware that her office has added the GED as a high school equivalency test option. There are four physical test sites in New Hampshire currently. Online proctoring testing is available for students over the age of 18.

Lastly, her office is offering a High School Equivalency for Schools webinar on September 20, 2023 from 9:00 am – noon if anyone is interested in joining (flyer attached).

Item #4 – Vacant HEAC Memberships

- A. The New Hampshire School Boards Association was contacted to ask if they would be nominating a member to fill the vacancy. They stated they would not be providing a nomination this year.
- B. The New Hampshire School Principals Association was contacted to ask if they would be nominating a member to fill the vacancy. They stated they had put a request out to their membership. No nominations have been received to date. If a nomination is received it will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Education for consideration.
- C. The Nonpublic School Advisory Council has nominated, and the Commissioner has appointed, Jill Grant to fill that position on HEAC for a 3-year term. Welcome Jill!

- D. There are three openings for representatives from home educator associations organized within New Hampshire as required by RSA 193-A:10(I)(1). If you would like to nominate someone for one of these positions, please send an email to either myself or Commissioner Edelblut for consideration.

- E. An updated HEAC membership list was posted to the NHED HEAC web page on September 12, 2023. Please let me know of any changes that are needed.

Item #5 – Frequently Asked Questions on NHED Web Site

No progress.



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HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

More Information

www.education.nh.gov/adulted

HiSET



SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
9:00 - NOON
ONLINE

NH now offers either the HiSET or the GED test for students to earn a high school equivalency certificate.

HiSET TEST (BY PSI)

The HiSET Exam has five subtests (Language Arts - Reading, Language Arts - Writing, Social Studies, Science and Math).

GED

The GED Exam has four subtests (Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematical reasoning, Social Studies, Science).

**Register for this free
information session at:**

<https://tinyurl.com/HSE-NH>



HELP STUDENTS CHOOSE A TEST

Learn how to assist test candidates with choosing which test to take. NH does not allow for combining test scores.



HELP STUDENTS REGISTER FOR THE TEST

Learn about the registration process for test takers under the age of 18 including information on official practice tests.



HELP STUDENTS PAY FOR THE TEST

Learn about the options for test candidates to pay for the test whether paid by the school or another source.



TEST PREP RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Learn about online test prep resources and professional development opportunities for teachers from the Bureau of Adult Education.