

# New Hampshire Scholars



"New Hampshire students, parents, schools and businesses all benefit from the NH Scholars Program. Most importantly, students will be better prepared for college and career."

John H. Lynch  
*Governor of the State of New Hampshire*



# Follow the Child

## What is New Hampshire Scholars?

New Hampshire Scholars is part of the State Scholars Initiative, a national program that uses business leaders to motivate students, beginning in Grade 8, to complete a rigorous course of study in high school—one that will give them a boost in college and careers.

New Hampshire Scholars encourages and motivates all high school students to complete a rigorous course of study that prepares them for successful transition to college coursework or technical training necessary to enter today's competitive job market.

New Hampshire Scholars gives students an edge—one that's of real value to them, the schools they attend, the companies they work for, and the communities where they live.



## How are Businesses Involved?

New Hampshire Scholars is looking for business partners to engage and support their local schools. Business leaders connect with school coordinators to provide workshops, activities and mentoring opportunities to students.

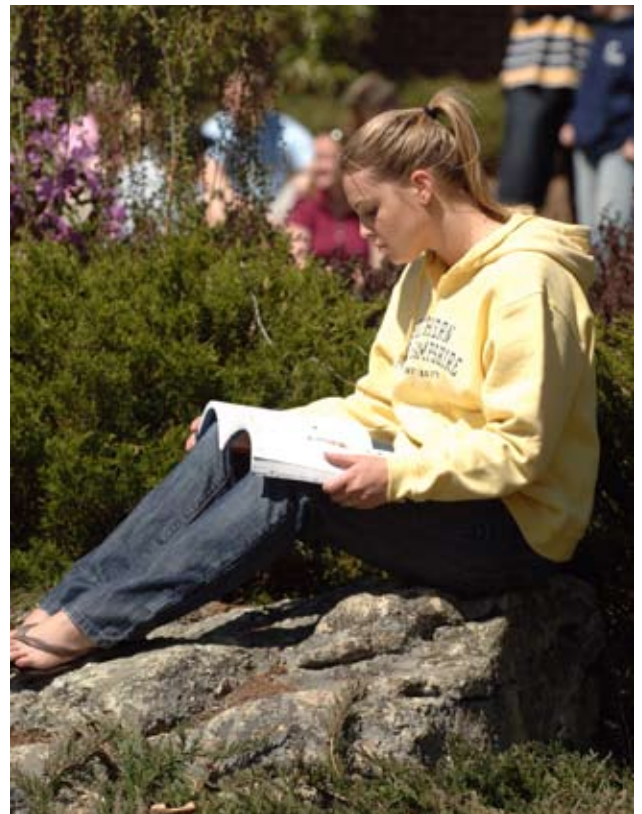
Business leaders recognize the increasing demand of high level skills necessary in today's workforce. Seventy-percent (70%) of the 30 fastest-growing jobs will require an education beyond high school, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Many school districts have collaborated with businesses to provide extensive career development activities including career fairs, informational interviews, job shadow and mentoring opportunities.

*"Economic vitality is linked to educational outcomes and success at all levels. These outcomes are dependent upon high school students being challenged in their formative years."*

Stephen J. Reno  
Chancellor  
University System of New Hampshire

*"A good education has a real world payoff for students, businesses, and communities. There's a strong positive correlation between a student's academic rigor in high school and the completion of college. Research also indicates that a high school diploma is simply no longer enough to attain the high skill level necessary to compete in the 21st century."*

Fred Kocher  
President  
New Hampshire High Technology Council



If you are interested in becoming involved in New Hampshire Scholars, visit [www.NHscholars.org](http://www.NHscholars.org) or call Scott Power at (603) 225-4199 x300.

# College Ready. Work Ready. Ready for Life.

# What does it take to be a New Hampshire Scholar?

## Information for students and parents:

This program is for every student. Simply tell your school counselor you want to be a New Hampshire Scholar. Then challenge yourself by taking the rigorous Core Course of Study. Go beyond your high school graduation requirements.

You can become a New Hampshire Scholar at any time, but we suggest starting in 8th grade before you select your high school classes.

## Benefits of being a New Hampshire Scholar

- Advanced preparation for college
- Learn decision-making and critical-thinking skills necessary for work
- Training/mentoring from potential employers
- Recognized as a State Scholar at high school graduation
- Designation as a State Scholar on high school transcript
- Become a better candidate for certain types of scholarships and financial aid

## Does my school participate in State Scholars?

The list of active schools continues to grow.  
For more information on participating schools, go to:  
[www.nhscholars.org/links.cfm](http://www.nhscholars.org/links.cfm)

## Tips for Students:

- Plan ahead. Start early.
- Choose electives that will benefit you.
- Challenge yourself.



## Core Course of Study

New Hampshire Scholars take this rigorous Core Course of Study in high school—which is patterned after the recommendations made by the National Commission on Excellence in Education.

New Hampshire Scholars must successfully complete the following courses:

### 4 English Courses

- English I
- English II
- English III
- English IV

### 3 Mathematics Courses

- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry

### 3 Lab-based Science Courses

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

### 3.5 History & Social Science Courses (chosen from)

- U.S. History I & II
- World History
- U.S. Government
- World Geography
- Economics

### 2 Foreign Language Courses (in the same language)

*Over 70% of recent high school graduates wish they had worked harder and taken more rigorous courses in high school.*

Source: Achieve 2005

*“New Hampshire Scholars helps young people attain one of the most important skills they’ll use in work and life: the ability to tackle challenging work and learning what they need to know to do it.”*

Lyonel B. Tracy  
Commissioner

New Hampshire Department of Education

## How can you become a NH Scholars District?

Interested school counselors and principals work closely with the district's superintendent to begin implementation. A New Hampshire Scholar school district must:

- Offer the Core Course of Study
- Identify a school coordinator
- Collaborate with and organize local business partners
- Reinforce the message and provide recognition



### Schools will receive:

- New Hampshire Scholar banner to display
- Gold medallions for all graduates of program
- Help organizing workshops/presentations
- Help establishing business partners

To become a New Hampshire Scholars District, please contact Scott Power.

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"I hope every student will consider becoming a New Hampshire Scholar. It's critically important to New Hampshire's future."

Senator Bob O'Dell  
R-Lempster

## New Hampshire Scholar Partners:



*New Hampshire has joined twenty-three other states in the State Scholars Initiative. This is a Federal grant-funded program developed and administered through a partnership between the New Hampshire College and University Council, the New Hampshire Forum on the Future, the New Hampshire Department of Education and the National State Scholars Initiative Network.*