



NH Scholars



New Hampshire Scholars is a statewide program that encourages students to take a more rigorous Core Course of Study in high school. It is based on a partnership between a community's local business leaders and its school district. New Hampshire Scholars is primarily funded through the New Hampshire Department of Education. Generous contributions are also made via corporate sponsors.

Students have opportunities to be recognized in pathways of STEM, Arts and Career.

Signature Events

- Regional College Access Conventions (Keene, Manchester, Berlin, Plymouth)
- Breakfast of Champions Business/Education Conference
- NH Scholars Day – Statewide Recognition at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium
- Senior Award Ceremonies at High Schools
- Tens of thousands of students served at conventions, middle school events and classroom presentations.



Over 35,000 high school seniors graduated as NH Scholars since 2007, including more than 5,400 in the Class of 2019

NH Department of Education

- Partner since inception in 2007
- Successful implementation in 85 New Hampshire high schools
- Primarily funded through NHDOE, with additional support coming from corporate sponsors

Other Partners

- NH College & University Council
- Campus Compact for NH
- Endorsed by the NH Coalition for Business & Education (NHCBE)
- NH Scholars manages the NH Fisher Cats Foundation Scholarship Application

By The Numbers:

- Nearly 100% of NH Public High Schools Participate (85). More coming soon.
- 44% of all seniors graduated as NH Scholars in 2019 (with an avg 3.4 GPA)
- Over 90% NH Scholars immediately enroll in college (versus 53% state avg.)

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