

GOVERNORS' EDUCATION PROFILE SERIES

CLASS OF 2018



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ACT is a mission-driven, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people achieve education and workplace success. Headquartered in Iowa City, Iowa, ACT is trusted as a leader in college and career readiness, providing high-quality assessments grounded in nearly 60 years of research. ACT offers a uniquely integrated set of solutions designed to provide personalized insights that help individuals succeed from elementary school through career.

¹ https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d17/tables/dt17_203.40.asp?current=yes; https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d16/tables/dt16_203.20.asp?current=yes; https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d17/tables/dt17_304.10.asp?current=yes

² <http://nieer.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/State-of-Preschool-2017-Full-7-16-18.pdf>; <https://stats.bls.gov/oes/special.requests/oesm17st.zip>

³ <https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/ndecore/landing>. Analysis done by ACT.

⁴ https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d17/tables/dt17_219.46.asp

⁵ http://www.sheeo.org/sites/default/files/project-files/SHEEO_SHEF_FY2017_FINAL.pdf; https://www.nassgapsurvey.com/survey_reports/2016-2017-48th.pdf. Grant aid information not available at the state level.

⁶ https://ticas.org/sites/default/files/pub_files/classof2017.pdf; https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/17_5YR/DP02/0100000US|0100000US.04000.001. Analysis done by ACT. Reflects adults, residing in the state, aged 25 and older.



GOVERNOR CHRIS SUNUNU

Major Education Priorities: ★ School Safety ★ Full-Day Kindergarten
★ Higher Education Cost ★ School Choice

BACKGROUND: Governor Sununu grew up in Salem, New Hampshire and graduated from MIT. Prior to becoming governor, he worked to clean up hazardous waste sites, ran Waterville Valley Ski Resort and served three terms on the New Hampshire Executive Council. He is married with three children.

PARTY AFFILIATION: Republican

"Through good management, New Hampshire has leveraged public-private partnerships to create and expand equal opportunity for everyone. Whether its access to a full-day kindergarten program or whether a family is seeking an alternative education for their kids, a family's zip-code no longer limits their opportunity to succeed."

Early Education and K-12 Educational Priorities



School Safety: Allocated \$30M in safe school infrastructure improvements awarded to 90 percent of New Hampshire schools and created the Governor's School Safety Preparedness Task Force that [recommended](#) actions that are being used as model across the nation to improve school safety.



Kindergarten: Delivered full-day kindergarten for all New Hampshire families, increasing per pupil funding from \$1,800 to \$2,900 using funds from the New Hampshire lottery. Increased the percentage of students in full-day kindergarten from 75 to 90 percent.



Additional Priorities: Implementing social and emotional learning programs to prevent school violence, promoting fiscal responsibility and creating STEAM & FIRST robotics programs that are being modeled nationally.



School Choice: Supports an education savings account system to allow parents and students to choose a personalized education path.

Student Enrollment¹



Higher Education and Workforce Priorities

Higher Education Cost: Proposed the Governors Scholarship Fund, which would provide access to financial aid for up to 1,000 students every year. Allocated an additional \$5M to higher education scholarships.

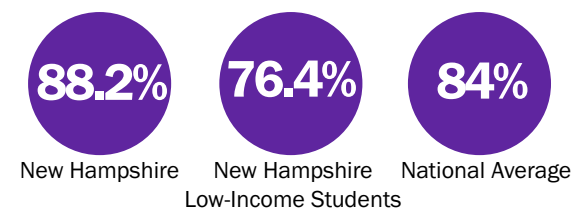
“ If we can't put our children on a school bus and know they are safe, then nothing else matters. I'm proud that that the 59 recommendations in the Governor's School Safety Preparedness Task Force report are the result of a collaborative, comprehensive effort of more than 100 subject matter experts and members of communities from across New Hampshire – all singularly focused on the safety of our school children. ”

State of New Hampshire Education

Early Childhood Facts²

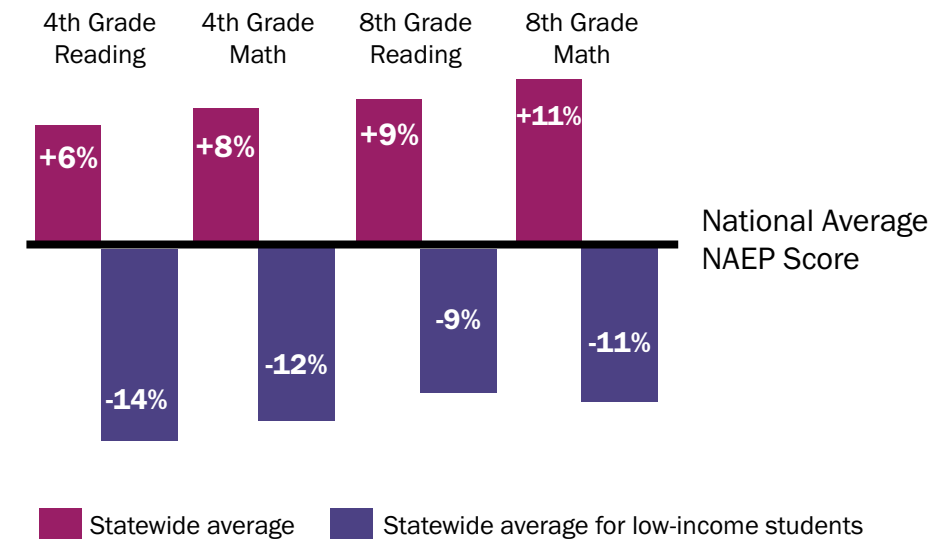


High School Graduation Rate⁴



New Hampshire National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Scores³

Percentage of students performing at or above proficient level



Are New Hampshire Students Ready for College?

The ACT test is the most frequently taken college entrance exam in the U.S. The chart below shows the ACT Composite score distribution for students in New Hampshire and the U.S.

ACT COMPOSITE	NEW HAMPSHIRE	NATION
1-18	11.4%	39.9%
19-23	28.8%	29.1%
24-36	59.9%	31%

STEM Careers: Are New Hampshire Students Interested and Ready?

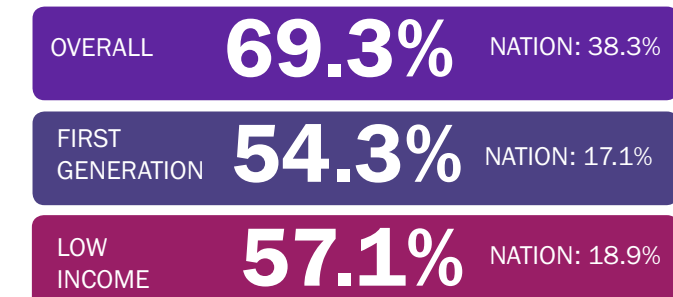
In New Hampshire, **54.5 percent** of ACT-tested students from the class of 2018 had aspirations to pursue a future in STEM. Of those students, **51.1 percent** are prepared for first-year college coursework related to STEM fields.



College Readiness is More than ONE Number

Along with their ACT Composite score, students also receive scores in four subject areas – Math, Science, English and Reading – along with target (or “Benchmark”) scores that will help them gauge their likelihood of earning a B or C in credit-bearing first-year college courses. The percentages of students who met at least three of these four Benchmark scores are provided below.

Students in New Hampshire Who Met at Least 3 of 4 College-Ready Benchmark Scores



Higher Education Stats⁵

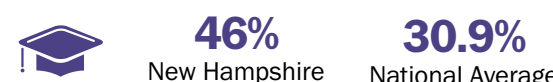
	NEW HAMPSHIRE	NATIONAL AVERAGE
Educational Appropriations per Full-Time Equivalent	\$2,701	\$7,642
Total State Grant Expenditures as Percentage of State Fiscal Support for Higher Education	N/A	12.7%
Percent Change in Total Spending Since 2008	N/A	-11.6%
State Grant Aid per Full-Time Undergraduate Student	N/A	\$816.79
Need-based State Grant Aid per Full-Time Undergraduate Student	N/A	\$623.66

Higher Education Outcomes⁶

Percent of Residents with an Associate's Degree or Higher:



Percent of Residents with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher:



Average Student Debt:

