

Legislative Grant & Program Opportunities

These programs are organized through various NCDPI departments. Schools must reach out to the contact for more information

Opportunity	Purpose	Who is Eligible?	Application / Participation Timeline	Key Action Steps	Status	Contact
CTE Grants for Homebuilding Programs	Provides up to \$200,000 in recurring funding to offset curriculum costs for Home Builders Institute (PACT) homebuilding programs.	Public school units (LEAs and charter schools offering eligible CTE homebuilding programs)	Grant application forthcoming; recipient progress report due October 15 if awarded.	• Determine interest in implementing or expanding a PACT program. • Watch for application release. • Submit required reporting if awarded.	Coming Soon	Trey Michael Sr Director, Office of Career and Technical Education Trey.Michael@dpi.nc.gov
CTE Modernization Grant Program	Provides \$2 million to modernize CTE instruction through digital learning platforms aligned with NC CTE Standards.	Public school units (LEAs and charter schools)	Grant application forthcoming	• Determine whether to apply. • Begin planning for platform procurement and implementation. • Monitor for application release.	Coming Soon	Trey Michael  Trey.Michael@dpi.nc.gov

MagicSchool Academic Support Program	Provides participating public school units access to a generative AI platform that supports teacher lesson planning and student learning.	Public school units (LEAs and charter schools); participation is optional	Participation information forthcoming for 2026–27.	• Discuss participation with leadership and CTO. • Determine district/school interest. • Watch for NCDPI participation guidance.	Participation Information Forthcoming	Dr. Kristi Day Director, Office of Teaching and Learning Kristi.Day@dpi.nc.gov Matthew Mayo Director, Office of Digital Learning and School Connectivity Matthew.Mayo@dpi.nc.gov
Khan Academic Support Grant Program	Provides participating public school units access to an AI tutoring platform that supports teachers and student learning.	Public school units (LEAs and charter schools); participation is optional	Participation information forthcoming for 2026–27.	• Discuss participation with leadership and CTO. • Determine interest. • Watch for NCDPI guidance.	Planning / Participation Information Forthcoming	Dr. Kristi Day Director, Office of Teaching and Learning Kristi.Day@dpi.nc.gov Matthew Mayo Director, Office of Digital Learning and School Connectivity Matthew.Mayo@dpi.nc.gov
After-School Robotics Grant Program	Funds high schools to establish or expand competitive after-school robotics programs with robotics partners.	Public school units with eligible high schools (including charter high schools)	Applications open August 2026; deadline September 2026.	• Identify participating high schools and robotics partners. • Prepare application. • Submit by September deadline.	Applications Open August 2026	Dr. Kristi Day Director, Office of Teaching and Learning Kristi.Day@dpi.nc.gov

North Carolina Competency-Based Innovation Grant Program	Selects 10 schools to implement competency-based education with state-supported professional learning and technical assistance through 2029–30.	Individual public schools (LEAs and charter schools)	Application expected within 60 days	• Identify candidate schools. • Prepare application. • Submit during application window.	Opening Soon	Dr. Kristi Day Director, Office of Teaching and Learning Kristi.Day@dpi.nc.gov
Carnegie Learning Mathematics Professional Development Pilot	Provides targeted professional learning for grades 6–8 mathematics teachers and instructional leaders to strengthen mathematics instruction.	Grades 6–8 mathematics teachers and school/district instructional leaders	Pilot launches January 2027; participation information forthcoming.	• Discuss participation with district leadership. • Identify potential teacher and leader participants. • Watch for pilot details.	Planning – Pilot Begins January 2027	Dr. Kristi Day Kristi.Day@dpi.nc.gov

North Carolina Student Lifeline Information for K–12 Students	Ensures students have ready access to Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and NC Peer Warmline information through school communications and resources.	Schools subject to the local board policy requirement; requirements apply across K–12, with some specific provisions for grades 6–12 IDs.	Begins 2026–27 SY	• Develop required board policy. • Add required information to websites, devices, agendas/calendars, registration materials and other specified locations. • Establish annual verification process for phone numbers.	Immediate Action – 2026–27	Dr. Kristi Day Kristi.Day@dpi.nc.gov
Diabetes Education for Parents	Requires schools to provide parents/guardians annual information about Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, including risk factors, warning signs, screening and treatment.	Public school units and their schools.	Begins 2026–27 SY	• Determine how information will be distributed annually. • Identify responsible staff. • Incorporate materials into beginning-of-year family communications.	Immediate Action – 2026–27	Dr. Kristi Day Kristi.Day@dpi.nc.gov

Feminine Hygiene Products Program	Allows participating public school units to provide free feminine hygiene products to students in grades 6–12.	Public school units that choose to opt in; serves students in grades 6–12.	2026–27 SY; opt-in information forthcoming	• Determine whether to participate. • Identify staff to coordinate implementation. • Watch for NCDPI opt-in guidance.	Planning / Opt-In Forthcoming	Dr. Kristi Day Kristi.Day@dpi.nc.gov
Cardiac Emergency Response Plans & AEDs	Requires public school units to develop a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP); funding supports AED purchase/installation and cardiac emergency response training.	Each public school unit; schools without AEDs may be eligible for funding.	2026–27 SY; implementation guidance forthcoming	• Identify schools without AEDs. • Identify AED replacement needs. • Begin developing the CERP. • Monitor NCDPI guidance and funding information.	Immediate Action / Funding Support	Dr. Kristi Day Kristi.Day@dpi.nc.gov

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