

**Director's Notes**

We are excited to announce, thanks to the support of the Neil & Louise Tillotson Fund, that the 4th annual North Country Middle School Film Festival is underway. This year's theme is **Celebrate What's Right!** The films must celebrate a place, a program, a person, group or other positive asset in the community. The community could be a school, town, the North Country or New Hampshire.

The festival is open to students in grades 6, 7 & 8 from schools in New Hampshire SAUs 3, 7, 9, 20, 23, 35, 36, 58, 68, 77 & 84. For K-6 schools, you may include grade 5 students on the team. Other schools willing to travel to the festival may contact NCES about the possibility of being included (decision will be pending the number of initial registrations received by November 15, 2013).

The date for the film festival is Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the Rialto Theatre in Lancaster, NH. The film submission deadline will be February 20, 2014. Interested teams should register by November 15.

Guidelines are available for download on the NCES website or [click here to download the packet](#).

All it takes to win is a video of no more than 2 minutes. Over \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded.

Lori Langlois  
Executive Director

**Rick Wormeli, March 28, 2014**

*Differentiating Assessment Grading in a World of Common Core Standards and Accountability*

featuring  
*Rick Wormeli*

What happens when it comes to assessing and grading students in the differentiated classroom? Being sensitive to students' readiness levels, interests, action plans, and special education designations while holding them accountable for the same standards can be a challenge. What's fair and leads to real student learning? Join us for a myth-busting and candid look at some of the burning issues of assessment and grading in a differentiated classroom.

**Date:** Friday, March 28, 2014, 9:00 to 3:00 (refreshments beginning at 8:00, lunch provided)  
**Location:** Berlin Middle School Auditorium

[Download full PDF brochure.](#)  
[Group registration form.](#)

Now accepting [Individual Registration](#) at \$95 per person (Staff from SAUs 3, 7, 20, 23, 58, 68 and 77, please check with your administrator about participation.)

**Executive Development for School Leaders**

Three seats remain in the second cohort of the National Institute for School Leadership's **Executive Development for School Leaders** program. The program employs an extensively tested and internationally benchmarked curriculum.

The Executive Development Program for School Leaders focuses on the areas that are critical to successful school leadership:

- Strategic Thinker
- Visionary
- Instructional Leader
- Data Master
- Team Leader
- Coach and Mentor
- Creator of Just, Fair and Caring Culture
- Driver of Change

This is an exciting, yet intensive, 26-day program. The cohort will be comprised of approximately 22 school leader. Participation requires the support of the superintendent for principals and other administrators and of the principal for other school leaders.

**Cost:** \$1,300 (includes materials, including texts, and meals for all 26 sessions) for NH educators.  
**Dates:** Begins November 24 & 25, 2013 and concludes in January 2015 ([download brochure for schedule](#))  
**Time:** 8:30 to 3:00  
**Registration:** Contact Lori Langlois, lori@ncedservices.org or 603-466-5437

The second cohort of the NISL program at North Country Education Services is made possible through support of the Neil & Louise Tillotson Fund and NH Department of Education. The first cohort was made possible through the Jane's Trust and the NHDOE.

**Arts at the Core: Creating Connections Between the Arts and Common Core State Standards**

A common question throughout the country is "Where do I fit in to the Common Core State Standards?" Come discover the connections between the CCSS in ELA and Mathematics and the Arts. Topics include conceptual alignment between the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the new, re-imagined National Core Arts Standards (NCAS) currently under construction; links between mathematical practices and creative practices found in the NCAS; identification of portals for cross-curricular connections; and additional tools and resources for sharing.

**Who should attend?**  
Arts Teachers K-12 including music, visual arts, drama, dance and media arts, curriculum directors, administrators, English and theater teachers.

**Outcomes**  
At the end of this conference, participants will:  
1. have a deep understanding of the purpose of the Common Core State Standards and strategies to incorporate these standards into their instruction without taking from their own content.  
2. be on the cutting edge of understanding and implementing the re-imagined national standards for the arts.  
3. gather new ideas for projects, strategies and suggestions from their peers.

**Presenters:** Marcia McCaffrey, Arts Consultant at the NH Department of Education and Lyn Ward Healy, Independent Consultant  
**Date/Time:** January 30, 2014 from 9:00 to 2:30 (check-in at 8:30)  
**Cost:** NCES full members, \$125; Associate Members, \$140, Non-Member, \$155  
**Registration:** Contact Lisa Blais at lisa@ncedservices.org or 800-268-5437.

**Response to Instruction at the Secondary Level**

Response to Instruction at the secondary level will discuss the "big ideas" around RTI and what the research is around high school implementation. It will also include examples of how data is used in the content areas to drive instructional decisions. Team attendance is encouraged and participants will have the option for facilitated team-time in the afternoon.

**Presenter:** Elaine McNaully  
**Date:** Friday, October 25, 2013 Note new date: November 5, 2013  
**Time:** 9:00 to 2:00  
**Location:** NCES  
**Cost:** \$15.00 person (includes morning refreshments and lunch)  
**Registration:** Contact Lisa Blais at lisa@ncedservices.org or call 800-268-5437 between 8:00 and 4:00, M-F.

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**Globe Atmosphere and Climate Workshop**

What is one of the first considerations when you are planning your vacation skiing, at the beach, enjoying the fall foliage, hiking, fishing, camping or visiting Clark's Trading Post? How about deciding on what to wear or if you will keep your windows open through the night? Weather! Where do you get your information? How about setting up your own weather instruments?

In this one-day workshop, you will collect weather data, add it to an international database and visualize data from around the world to look at trends. Cloud measurements, maximum and minimum air and soil temperature, precipitation, relative humidity, and surface temperature protocols from the GLOBE Program will be covered.

Let's get ready for lots of snow too! Albedo, a measure of surface reflectivity, is one of the most important surface properties that affect climate. Albedo is also one of the easiest climate concepts to teach. With the CoCoRAHS-Albedo Project, you will receive hands-on training to measure albedo in winter when snow (one of Earth's best natural reflectors!) covers the landscape. The CoCoRAHS-Albedo project provides teachers with a snow sampling kit and lesson plans for the classroom to teach students about the importance of snow and albedo to the climate system. Through CoCoRAHS-Albedo, students gain understanding of how future changes in snow will impact climate in New Hampshire and the Arctic.

**WE WILL BE GOING OUTSIDE SO PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!**

**Presenters:** Jennifer Bourgeault: US Country Coordinator for The Globe Program and Elizabeth Burakowski: UNH PhD Graduate Student  
**Cost:** \$20.00 Light refreshments and lunch will be provided.  
**Date:** Friday, November 1, 2013  
**Time:** 8:30 - 3:00  
**Location:** NCES.  
**Registration:** <http://www.globe.gov/web/north-country-education-services-nces-events>  
**Payment:** Contact Lisa Blais at (603) 466-5437(P) or lisa@ncedservices.org. NCES accepts PO, check, cash or Credit Cards

**North Country Principals Meetings**

The next North Country Principals Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Contact Colebrook Academy Principal, Joanne Melanson, for more information at jmelanson@colebrook.k12.nh.us.

**North Country Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Meetings**

School leaders and those responsible for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment are invited to attend the monthly North Country CIA meeting. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 10:00 - 12:00 at NCES. Scott Mantie, from the NHDOE Bureau of Accountability and Assessment, will present and answer questions on the Smarter Balanced Assessment as part of the agenda. Please RSVP to Lori Langlois at lori@ncedservices.org.

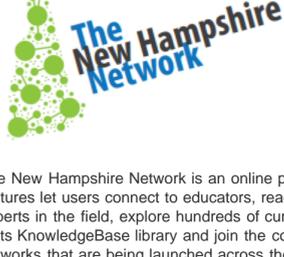
**North Country Transition Community of Practice**

The kick-off meeting for the new North Country Transition Community of Practice will be a brown-bag lunchtime meeting from 12:00 to 1:30 on Friday, November 1, 2012 at North Country Education Services.

This is an exciting opportunity for stakeholders in the region to come together to share ideas, network, and create an infrastructure to support students and their families as they transition from high school to adulthood.

Please RSVP or direct questions to Sarah Parsons, NCES Secondary Transition Coordinator at sarah@ncedservices.org.

**Have you joined The New Hampshire Network?**



The New Hampshire Network is an online platform with features let users connect to educators, reach out to experts in the field, explore hundreds of curated resources in its KnowledgeBase library and join the communities and networks that are being launched across the state.

Access to The NH Network is through NH DOE Single Sign On System. Certified educators likely already have an account. Login at the following link: <https://my.doe.nh.gov/myNHDOE/Login/Login.aspx>

For those who do not hold certification through the NHDOE, you may still join the network. Follow the link above, go to "Create New User Account" and choose "No - I am not a New Hampshire Educator" then continue to follow the prompts accordingly.

[FAQS and more information on The NH Network](#)

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**MAT - Alternative Test Site**

There is a small cohort of North Country educators applying to the Nova Southeastern University doctoral program. The Miller Analogies Test (MAT) is part of the application process. NCES is planning to serve as an alternate test site (pending approval) and administer the MAT on January 10, 2014. Interested individuals may contact Lori Langlois for more information.



**Commissioner's North Country Presentation**

NH Commissioner of Education, Dr. Virginia Barry, spoke to approximately 60 attendees in Whitefield on the evening of October 16. This was one of several presentations given by the Commissioner to update school board and other community members about the NH's College and Career Readiness Standards and the Common Core State Standards.



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