

Director's Notes

Congratulations to the schools who were recognized by Commissioner of Education, Virginia Barry, in September during the announcement of NH educational awards. From the North Country, Lin-Wood Public School and Whitefield Elementary were among the six schools nominated for the yet to be announced National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. Daisy Bronson Junior High School (Littleton), Jefferson Elementary, and Lancaster Elementary were among the schools selected as Reward Schools, schools that demonstrated the greatest gains in composite Median Student Growth Percentile in Reading and Mathematics based on the most recent three years of NECAP results.

For reporting zero drop-outs, Gorham High School, Pittsburg High School, Lisbon Regional High School, Kennett High School and Woodsville High School were recognized.

We know there are committed educators and great developments in schools and classrooms throughout the North Country. We would be happy to share your stories. Please pass them along for us to highlight in upcoming issues.

Lori Langlois
Executive Director

Regional Conference Event

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, 23, 58, 68 and 77, please noted you are likely already registered. Please check with your administrator.)

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.

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: To be determined for January 2014

Cost: NCES full members, \$125; Associate Members, \$140, Non-Member, \$155

Registration: To be notified when date is confirmed, please contact Lisa Blais at lisa@ncedservices.org.

North Country Middle School Film Festival

This year's theme is *Celebrating Place!* The film must celebrate a place, a program, a person(s) or other positive assets in your community. Your community might be your neighborhood, your school, your town, the North Country or New Hampshire. All it takes to win is a video of no more than 2 minutes.

The date for the film festival is Saturday, March 22, 2014. The film submission deadline will be Thursday, December 19, 2013.

Guidelines will be published on the NCES website by October 11th. Contact Lori Langlois at lori@ncedservices.org for more details.

North Country Principals Meetings

The next North Country Principals Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 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, October 9, 2013 from 10:00 - 12:00 at NCES. Please RSVP to Lori Langlois at lori@ncedservices.org.

Secondary Level RTI

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

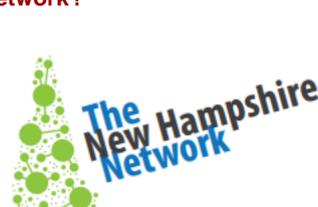
Date: Friday, October 25, 2013 from 9:00 to 2:00

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.

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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Mother Nature's Child

If you haven't had a chance to catch one of the free viewings of *Mother Nature's Child* yet, Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 in Intervale is your last chance. *Mother Nature's Child* is a documentary style movie about the importance of time spent in the outdoors for child and youth development. The film will be followed with an open discussion. Participation certificates available to educators. It is sponsored collaboratively through Arts Alliance of Northern NH, AMC, NH Children in Nature Coalition, as well as others.

[Learn more](#)

Girl Rising

The Second North Country screening of *Girl Rising* is on Thursday October 10, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Medallion Opera House at Gorham Town Hall in Gorham, NH. The film was created by 10x10, a global campaign to educate and empower girls. *Girl Rising* tells the stories of girls from around the world who face - and overcome - unbelievable obstacles on the path toward getting an education.

The first screening in Bethlehem was a sold-out event. Tickets (\$10) for the Gorham event are [available here](#).

Educators interested in the companion curriculum may find [more information here](#).



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