

June 2013

Director's Notes

As the school year winds down, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that at the end of this month I will be retiring from public education. Following forty-five years of public service that has taken me across seven states, I have decided that the time is right to explore new challenges and opportunities.

My experience over the past three years working in NCES and with the North Country educational community has truly been rewarding. Toward that end, it has been my good fortune to have worked with some of the finest, most dedicated and highly competent professionals, whose positive can do attitude, and strong work ethic will stay with me forever.

It has often been said that the greatest challenge in public education is working with disadvantaged and/or special needs students. That is where the true test of one's mettle lies and that is where school districts should place their brightest and most capable staff. Well, North Country is fortunate that in NCES and its fifty plus schools, it has instructional and support staff that consistently meets this challenge.

As I said, the time has come for me to discover new horizons, and perhaps, I will find even in retirement that the best opportunities are often when hanging from cliffs rather than perched safely on a mountain top.

Yours Truly,
Ray Healey

Recognition of North Country Scholars

North Country Education Services and the North Country School Administrators Association recently recognized thirty-one outstanding students from the thirteen high schools within the NCES service area. The valedictorians, salutatorians, and outstanding Career and Technical Education students from the North Country gathered at White Mountains Regional High School in May for the eighth annual scholar recognition ceremony.



iPads in the Classroom for Beginners

Special Offer: Book by the end of June for up to 20 educators for \$999

Location: At your school or at NCES

Instructor: Paula Churchill, Technology Integration Specialist

We will start out by covering the basics of:

- settings,
- setting up email ,
- internet and shortcuts,
- folders,
- connecting to WIFI printing
- apple id and downloading apps

Then we will look at the basics of sharing images and projects off of your iPad:

- Dropbox
- Looking for apps that easily share projects
- Volume licensing
- Photostream
- Printing
- Management of multiple ipads in a classroom-charging, etc.

On the second day, we will focus on using the iPad with students. This is an all day hands on using an app that allows for images, video, audio recording and exporting.

- What makes a great app for students
- Hands on learning an app that includes images, videos and sound
- Dissecting the skills needed to be successful for using the app
- Create a detailed lesson plan using the app that is based on curriculum for your students
- Identify three or four more topics for projects during the year

Contact Lori Langlois at lori@ncedservices.org for details and scheduling.

Intel Math Program for K-8 Teachers

The State of New Hampshire is on the move to improve student learning in mathematics and is proud to bring the Intel Mathematics Program to K-8 mathematics educators.

The Intel Math course is a content-intensive professional development program developed by Dr. Kenneth Gross, Professor of Mathematics and Education at the University of Vermont. It provides 80 hours of professional development in the form of a course co-facilitated by a practicing mathematician and a mathematics educator. The course places emphasis on deepening the participants' understanding of core K-8 mathematics concepts.

It is grounded in a problem solving approach to topics such as integer arithmetic, the decimal number system, place value, rational number arithmetic, rates, linear equations, and functions. About 90% of the course is focused on mathematics content knowledge and the remaining 10% on pedagogy.

You are eligible to participate in this program if you meet both criteria:

1. You currently teach in New Hampshire at K-8 level.
2. You are K-3, K-6, or special education certified, but not 5-8 or secondary math certified.

Dates for the NCES, Gorham, NH location: June 24, 25, 26, 27, July 1, 2, 3 and July 8, 9 & 10, 2013 from 8:00 to 4:30.

Cost: Free, \$30 fee for the optional 6 (paid-in-full) graduate credits.

Registration: Though the registration deadline has passed, you may contact Matt Tremer about the possibility of being added to the roster at matt@ncedservices.org.

This program is funded through a \$500,000 per year Math Science Partnership Grant gained through the efforts of the Rochester School District, Plymouth State University, NH Impact Center, University of New Hampshire - Manchester, University of New Hampshire - Leitzel Center, Croydon and Newport School Districts, North Country Education Services and the NH Department of Education.

Job Openings at NCES

Occupational Therapist
Speech Language Pathologist
School Psychologist
Teacher of the Deaf

NCES provides specialized, certified staff for a number of school districts in northern New Hampshire and Vermont. NCES offers a competitive salary and benefits package, including health insurance, flexible medical spending account, dental reimbursement plan and participation in the NH Retirement System. The immediate area affords the opportunity to explore the White Mountains of New Hampshire through hiking, alpine and Nordic skiing, mountain biking, ATV and snowmobile riding as well as other outdoor activities. New Hampshire has tax-free shopping and is within three hours of Boston, Montreal, and Burlington, VT.

[View postings on SchoolSpring](#)

Gale Virtual Reference Library

A reminder to area schools that you must commit by the end of the week if you would like to be a part of the consortium purchase of e-books. This is a tremendous deal and a one-time only opportunity. Contact Lori Langlois at lori@ncedservices.org for more information.

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