



October 2012

Tap into Tools Conference

Transforming learning in the evolution of digital and mobile learning environments.

New Date: Monday, October 29, 2012
at the
Mountain View Grand Resort

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dave Backler



How we learn is changing. What we learn is changing. When we learn is changing. Who we learn from is changing. Technology has opened up amazing and new learning opportunities, but what happens when mobile devices enter the equation? In order to understand the transformation of our educational system, school leaders, teachers and parents must renew their vision of how technology is leveraged within the classroom. Our current and future economy depends on how schools will respond to these dramatic paradigm shifts. This session will explore leadership in this transformational context, envision the transition to a digital learning environment, and help you make informed decisions for how these rapidly evolving tools can assist your institution for learning.

Breakout sessions include:

- Google Search by Allison Mollica
- Screencasting on the iPad by Jennifer Lowton
- Gmail for Beginners by Martin Castle
- Social Media Tools in the Classroom: Twitter by Amy Gillam
- Introduction to Edmodo by Elaine Sherry
- Weebly Websites for Place-Based Learning by Jeremy Brown
- Relevance to Students: Interdisciplinary Field Experiences with iPads by Jessica Morris & Kimberly Sychterz
- Google Forms & Scripts by Allison Mollica
- Working with Google Apps on Tablets by Jennifer Lowton

Full session descriptions and details:

<http://bit.ly/tapintotools2012>

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Language Arts Community of Practice

The Shifts Needed to Address the CCSS in ELA Instruction

ELA teachers will once again have the opportunity to join a community of professionals at NCES; this time to navigate through the rigorous expectations of the Common Core State Standards. As a participant, you will increase your ability to apply CCSS in your classroom as we address instructional shifts that will result in deeper literacy learning. This series of sessions will allow for learning, application, reflection, collaboration, and activities that will:

- take your teaching to a higher level by providing rigorous content and by teaching higher level skills and strategies.
- engage students in rich discussions through effective questioning, higher level thinking, and broadening knowledge.
- encourage independence, stamina, and accountability.
- learn metacognitive strategies for deeper reading and a stronger process for writing.
- create your own assessments for monitoring student growth and achievement.
- provide a balance of literary and informal texts.
- encourage use of a variety of texts, genres, resources, and technology.
- teach writing and reading in a variety of genres for a variety of purposes.

K-5 Group Leader: Elizabeth Richards

Grades 6-8 Leader: Jean Mann

Meeting dates: Thursdays, October 18, November 15, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, April 11 and May 9, 2013.

Time: 4:00 to 7:00 (light refreshments provided, bring your own supper - if desired)

Cost: Full member school staff \$300, Associate member school staff \$325, all others \$350

Location: NCES, Gorham, NH

Register: [Online](#), email lisa@ncedservices.org or call 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437 between 8:00 and 4:00. Fax purchase orders to: 603-466-2907.

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North Country Middle School Film Festival

Our World, Our Fate

A true idea doesn't end thought, it activates it!

The film must relate to the theme, *Our World, Our Fate*, at a local, national or global level.

Eligibility: Open to New Hampshire students in grades 6, 7 & 8 from schools in SAUs 3, 7, 9, 20, 23, 35, 36, 58, 68, 77 & 84 and Vermont schools in SUs 19 & 21. For K-6 schools, you may include grade 5 students on the team if necessary.

The film entry deadline is Thursday, December 13, 2012. The festival and awards will take place in the spring. Please contact lori@ncedservices.org for more details.

See last year's films at

<http://www.ncedservices.org/film/index.html>

Understanding the 'Less Engaged': Students' and Young Adults' Participation in Education, Recreation, and Occupation

Using data from the Carsey Institute's 10-year Coöps Youth Study, this interactive discussion session will focus on young people who are not fully engaged in age-appropriate educational, recreational, and occupational activities. What are the characteristics associated with lower engagement, and what do we know about how they manifest over time? What kinds of interventions might change their course to a more socially connected and productive adulthood?

Erin Hiley Sharp and Eleanor M. Jaffee from the Coöps Youth Study team will present the information from the study and then facilitate a discussion of how these issues are experienced and how they can be addressed in the school environment by administrators, guidance staff, and educators.

Date: Thursday, November 1, 2012

Time: 1:30 to 3:00

Cost: Full member staff \$10, Associate member staff \$15, Others \$20

Register: [Online](#) or by calling Lisa at 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437 between 8:00 and 4:00. Fax purchase orders to: 603-466-2907.

Common Core Strategic Planning

This session is designed to guide school and district-level instructional leaders in the work of leading the understanding and implementation of the Common Core. This session is designed to support teams of district and school personnel (e.g. superintendents, principals, content supervisors, central office leaders, and coaches) in the work of planning and carrying out the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. The session is designed in three parts:

- Key shifts in the CCSS
- Strategic planning using the NHDoe implementation framework
 - Leadership
 - Curriculum and Assessment
 - Accountability
 - Measuring implementation
 - Engaging stakeholders

Participating teams that attend this session will leave with a written plan that includes priority objectives, measurements for implementation, and a strategic communications plan for addressing the "transition".

Presenter: Joe Miller

Who Should Attend: Teams from schools or districts that are developing Common Core State Standard implementation plans.

Level: Intermediate (some background on the standards will be shared, but the majority of the time will be spent developing a plan for implementing the standards in your system).

Date/Time: Wednesday October 24, 2012 from 9:00 to 3:00

Cost: Member school staff \$125, associates \$135, others \$140

Register: [Online](#) or by calling Lisa at 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437 between the hours of 8:00 and 3:00.

Developing Local Assessment Aligned with CCSS

With the transition to the Common Core State Standards comes new assessments aligned with these standards. New Hampshire is a governing state in the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). SBAC assessments will be rolled out in Spring 2015 and they represent a significant change in assessment approach (computer adaptive and include performance tasks) and also content (aligned with new standards). This session will address two content areas:

- Update on SBAC
 - What is it?
 - How is development progressing? How are items being developed?
 - Developing local assessments aligned with SBAC

Participants that attend this session will leave with a good understanding of the current state of the SBAC assessment development and with several aligned assessments items and a protocol for developing new items in their school or district.

Presenter: Joe Miller

Who Should Attend: Teachers, principals, and central administration staff.

Level: Intermediate (some background on the standards will be shared, but the majority of the time will be spent on assessments).

Date/Time: Wednesday October 31, 2012 from 9:00 to 3:00

Cost: Member school staff \$125, associates \$135, others \$140

Register: [Online](#) or by calling Lisa at 800-268-5437 or 603-466-5437 between the hours of 8:00 and 4:00.

Movie Discussion: Impact of Media on Today's Youth

Media & Today's Youth: Join us to preview timely and media-trendy films on media's influence on today's youth. Approximately forty films are available this fall through interlibrary loan. Most films have free downloadable study guides and are licensed for classroom viewing. View the entire list of available films/videos at <http://bit.ly/HealthHIVMedia>.

Sample films include:

Killing us Softly 4: Advertising's Image of Women - challenge students to think critically about popular culture and its relationship to sexism, eating disorders and gender violence.

Dreamworlds 3: Desire, Sex & Power in Music Video - After watching *Dreamworlds* students may continue to look at music videos, but they will never see them the same way again." --Michael Kimmel, Author *the Gendered Society*

Date: Thursday, October 25, 2012

Time: 3:00 to 5:00

Location: NCES, Gorham, NH

Instructor: Mary Bubnis, HIV/Health Project Director, Office of School Health, Division of Instruction, NH Department of Education

Cost: Free

Register: <http://bit.ly/NCEShealthmedia>

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[Lisbon Regional Middle School Recognized as Blue Ribbon School](#)

On September 7, 2012 U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan recognized 269 schools as 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools based on their overall academic excellence or for making progress in improving student academic achievement levels. Lisbon Regional Middle School was recognized as an "Exemplary Improving" school. These are schools that have at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds demonstrate the most progress in improving student achievement levels as measured by state assessments or nationally-normed tests. Other NH schools recognized were Memorial School in Bedford as an "Exemplary Improving" and Canterbury Elementary as "Exemplary High Performing".

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