

“As a state, we have set a goal of reducing our state’s dropout rate to zero over the next three years. This is a lofty goal, but a goal we must embrace. We recognized the necessity of a high school diploma in today’s economy by increasing the compulsory school attendance age to 18. We must continue to support alternative learning programs and make it possible for every child in New Hampshire to graduate from high school.”

*From Governor John H. Lynch’s Inaugural Speech,  
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# THE SECOND NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR’S SUMMIT ON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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Time	Event	Description	Presenter	Location
8:15am	<b>Registration</b>			
9:00am	<b>Welcome</b>	Governor John H. Lynch Introduction	Dr. Lyonel Tracy, <i>NH Dept of Education Commissioner</i>	Salon A, B, C
		Governor's Address	Governor John H. Lynch	
		National Need, Research, and Data: Its Implications for Increasing Graduation Rates	John Bridgeland, <i>Civic Enterprises</i>	
		NH Dropout Prevention Plan	Paul Leather, <i>NH Dept. of Education Division Director</i>	
10:30am	<b>Break</b>			
10:45am	<b>Workshops</b>			
	<b>Promising Practices</b> — New Hampshire Initiatives	Significant gains in improving graduation attainment have occurred. Programs featured include:		Merrimack Room
		APEX/PBIX	Sharon Lampros and Joanne Malloy	
		Concord Diploma Academy	Steve Rothenberg	
		Nashua School District	Michelle Papanicolau	
		NH JAG	Priscilla Parisien	
		Virtual Learning Academy	Steve Kossakoski	
	Adult Education/GED Options	Art Ellison		
	<b>Identifying Students At-Risk for Dropping Out of High School:</b> Overview of a Tool for Developing Early Warning Systems	The National High School Center has developed resources to help schools, districts, and states establish Early Warning Systems that use accessible data to identify students who are at-risk of dropping out of high school. In this presentation, the authors of these resources will provide an overview of the academic indicators that best predict whether students will graduate or not, and will demonstrate the data tool they have developed for identifying potential high school dropouts early. The presenters will also discuss the roles of the district and state in building Early Warning Systems, and will point to resources on research-based dropout prevention intervention strategies.	Jessica Heppen, Ph.D. and Susan Bowles Therriault, Ed.D. <i>National High School Center</i>	Salon C
	<b>Policy Challenges: Bridging Research and Practice:</b> Six Recommendations to Address Dropout Prevention	The REL-NEI is pleased to sponsor this special presentation. Dr. Jay Smink will present the IES Practice Guide on Dropout Prevention and the research behind its recommendation. Participants will also learn more about the Practice Guide's recommendations and how to use the implementation strategies. There will be a follow-up Webinar on <b>Friday, May 8</b> at 12:00pm. For more information go to <a href="http://www.relnei.org/events.upcoming.statesupports.php">www.relnei.org/events.upcoming.statesupports.php</a>	Dr. Jay Smink <i>National Dropout Prevention Center</i>	Capitol Room
	<b>Two Districts' Approach to Dropout Prevention</b>	Laconia and Winnisquam School Districts will share the action steps they are taking to prevent dropouts.	Steve Beals and Kim Saunders <i>Principals</i>	Concord Room
	<b>High School Redesign</b>	A panel describing the redesign of high school will highlight Extended Learning Opportunities, flexible time, and Dual Enrollment.	<i>Panelists include</i> Paul Leather, Charles Annal, and Lisa Danley.	Constitution Room
	<b>Superintendents' Meeting</b>	This meeting will address leadership issues in relation to dropout prevention and stimulus monies.		Salon A
12:00pm	<b>Lunch Buffet</b>			
12:30pm	<b>Let's Hear from the Students, Parents, and State Leaders</b>	A panel presentation will address the challenges faced by youth and families.	<i>Panelists include</i> students, parents and representatives from the NH Department of Education; Health and Human Services; NH Community College System; City of Manchester Office of Youth Services; and the Workforce Opportunity Council's Youth Council.	Salon A, B, C
1:30pm	<b>Building a Comprehensive Plan to Address Increasing Graduation Rates</b>	Through a facilitated approach, teams will begin building regional and local comprehensive dropout prevention plans for the State Dropout Plan.		
		North Country		Constitution
		South Central Region		Salon C
		Southeast Region		Capitol
		Southwest Region		Concord
	Lakes Region		Merrimack	
2:45pm	<b>Regional Plans Reporting Out</b>			
3:00pm	<b>Summit Adjourns</b>			