

Professional Development

Next Steps NH Statewide Trainings for District/School Teams

Next Steps NH is a State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) funded by OSEP that has provided professional development to school personnel at 16 pilot schools over the past 5 years to support students with disabilities in preparing for life after high school. In our final year, Next Steps NH is providing FREE professional development statewide on trainings developed under this grant. Training on Promoting Family/School Partnerships is being offered using an online platform from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on February 13th. Training on Extended Learning Opportunities is being provided at three regional locations around the State. For more information see FY'18 Memo #22 at www.education.nh.gov/instruction/special_ed/memos.

New Hampshire Special Education Information System (NHSEIS) Training

The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education is providing NHSEIS trainings for Teachers and Special Education Teachers, Office Professionals, Special Education Aid and Chapter 402. The Teacher and Special Education Teacher sessions will include both NHSEIS entry and the Special Education Process. The Special Education Aid and Chapter 402 sessions will provide guidance to districts to help ensure the process goes smoothly. The Bureau of Special Education will be providing the following in-house NHSEIS trainings at the Department of Education, Room 15:

- Monday, February 5, 2018 ~ 10:00am–12:00pm – Special Education Aid Session
- Monday, February 5, 2018 ~ 12:30pm–1:30pm – Chapter 402 Session
- Thursday, February 8, 2018 ~ 9:00am–11:30am - NHSEIS Teacher and Special Education Teacher Session
- Tuesday, February 27, 2018 ~ 9:00am–11:00am – Office Professionals Session

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OPEN NH Winter 2018 Session Online Professional Development Courses

Registrations are now being accepted for the **OPEN NH Winter 2018 Session** courses. The seven week, 35-hour online professional development courses begin on February 7th and continue through March 27th. The registration fee for OPEN NH professional development courses is \$130. The list of OPEN NH professional development courses offered during the upcoming OPEN NH Sessions can be found on the website at: www.opennh.org, select Courses, select Current Course Schedule. OPEN NH offers a variety of group discount deals for SAUs, districts, or schools. Graduate credits are available through either New England College or Plymouth State University; additional registrations, per credit costs and registration fees apply to graduate credit options. Course descriptions can be found on the website www.opennh.org, select Courses from the left navigation bar.

Online registration is only available for individuals. District Cohorts at reduced fees are also offered. Cohorts must use a single group registration form via email to the OPEN NH Project Coordinator. Details for both procedures are available on the website at www.opennh.org. OPEN NH is part of the

NH e-Learning for Educators Project, a program of the New Hampshire Department of Education, coordinated through the *Office of Educational Technology*. Updates on the Winter 2018 Session courses and registration information can be found on the ET News blog at www.NHEON.org/etnews.

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Preparing Students for the HiSET® Exam

On March 16th the NH Bureau of Adult Education will be sponsoring a workshop featuring instructional strategies for assisting students to prepare for the high school equivalency exam. This workshop will be held 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Walker Building, 21 South Fruit Street in Concord. To register go to www.nhadulted.org/preparing-our-students-for-the-hiset/.

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Resources

Contracting with Food Service Management Companies

USDA has revised the manual *Contracting with Food Service Management Companies (FSMC): Guidance for School Food Authorities* which can be found here: https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cn/SP40_CACFP12_SFSP14-2016a2.pdf. There are many revisions found within this manual that are highlighted in yellow. It is also the best source for answering regulatory questions such as – What are the SAU (aka SFA or school food authority) responsibilities when a management company is contracted with or what is the process for going out to bid? This is an important manual for both those who are contemplating going out to bid for a FSMC or those who already contract with a FSMC.

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School Gardens

The NH School and Youth Garden network is conducting a survey of all public schools in the state to gather information about how many school gardens there are, the state of those gardens, and the needs of the gardens and garden educators in order to make their programs successful and sustainable. The information provided will be used to develop resources, workshops and an on-line map. We may also be able to outreach to you individually to offer support and guidance. The survey can be found at https://unh.azureedge.net/qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eFOcQMe4VTBPt8F. If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact Stacey Purslow, NH Farm to School at (603) 862-2542 or stacey.purslow@unh.edu. For more information about NH Farm to School go to www.nhfarmtoschool.org.

Information From Other Agencies and Organizations (contests/awards, conference/workshops, and misc.)

NH Poetry Out Loud Semi-Finals

Find out when and where your local school will be competing and come cheer them on. February 15 - March 5: Regional Semi-Finals Competitions and school assignments can be found at www.nh.gov/nharts/programservices/POL/2018/schoolresults.html. The NH State Finals Championship will be held March 9, 2018 at the NH State House, Concord. For more information about the Poetry Out Loud Program go to www.nh.gov/nharts/programservices/POL/2018.

Francis Wayland Parker Scholarship

The New Hampshire Association of School Principals (NHASP), Francis Wayland Parker Scholar Award is excited to be celebrating the 25th year anniversary in 2017-2018. NHASP is proud to be the

initiator of this monthly essay award and yearly scholarship that was designed to showcase student's academic achievement. We ask that each school nominate student/students each month according to the nomination form. In May 2018, all monthly winners, their parents, principals and guidance counselors will be invited to a celebration banquet, recognizing all the winners. During this evening, a yearly winner will be announced and awarded a \$2000 scholarship. Francis Wayland Parker Packet can be found at www.nhasp.org/forms/ or contact the NHASP at (603) 225-3431.

Congressional Art Competition

Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster invites high school art programs in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District to participate in the 2018 Congressional Art Competition. Each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Artistic Discovery Contest is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent across the nation and right here in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District. If a student would like to enter this year's Congressional Art Competition, please have a school representative (art teacher) contact Dawn Pollinger at (603) 226-1002 or via e-mail at dawn.pollinger@mail.house.gov.

Fisher Cats Education Days

Come join hundreds of other schools from throughout New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine, as they take part in an educational setting while attending a professional baseball game. The Fisher Cats games are taking place:

- UNH STEMbassadors (April 19 and May 2): STEMbassadors is a team of more than 50 College of Engineering and Physical Sciences students who are dedicated to providing inspiration, role models and hands-on STEM activities to students.
- LETGO Your Mind (May 2 and June 6): LETGO Your Mind programs focus on the vital STEM subjects and challenge the kids to think creatively, problem solve, work as part of a team and reinforce skill sets while the students have lots of fun.

For more information go to

http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?ymd=20140206&content_id=67505882&fext=.jsp&sid=t463&vkey=team2 or contact Stephanie Fournier at (603) 641-2005 Ext. 105.

Project WET Educator Workshop

On Friday, March 9th, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services will be conducting a one-day Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) workshop.

- Learn about water science
- Become certified as a Project WET Educator!
- Obtain STEM-based activities to increase student understanding of resource issues
- Apply lessons to your curriculum using interactive and integrated methods

Educators completing the training will receive:

- The 592-page Project WET 2.0 Guide.
- Access to borrow activity kits and other tools for FREE from the NH Department of Environmental Services!

This workshop is taking place in Plymouth from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration Fee is \$50.00 or \$30.00 for teachers participating in the NH 4th Grade Science Fair and/or Drinking Water Festival (see message below). To register or for more information go to

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwqbwet/schedule.htm>

Fourth Grade Water Science Fair and NH Drinking Water Festival

Two events in one day - schools may participate in one or both events!

- At the **festival**, students will spend the day learning about water quality, conservation, erosion, the effects of pollution, wildlife and many other water-related topics. Activities are hands-on and students interact with professionals in fields of science, technology, engineering and math.
- The New Hampshire state-level **water science fair** is an opportunity for students to explore a water-related topic in more depth. This can be a true science experiment, history, conservation psychology, green technology, engineering, water properties...whatever sparks their interest related to water. Students conduct research, create an exhibit, write a report and present their findings to a panel of judges. There are a variety of ways the school-level fair can be configured. They have a guide booklet to make this process easy and are happy to discuss with you ways your schools can participate.

Both the festival and water science fair are free to registered schools and will take place on May 9, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Plymouth, NH. Space is limited.

For more information, a copy of the water science fair guide booklet, and to register, please contact Lara Hooper at (603) 271-4071 or lara.hooper@des.nh.gov.

NH Hospitality Month

The New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association will organize the first annual Hospitality "Month." Due to April vacation being the last week of the month, events will be organized April 2nd – April 20th. Middle and high school students will be invited to tour local properties across the state. Opportunities include hotels, restaurants, and tourist attractions. During these visits, students will have the opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at day-to-day operations, interact with employees to hear about their career pathways, and learn about being a cook or front office manager as well as broaden their scope of what other career opportunities the industry has to offer. To register or for more information go to https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eAf_ZfCqPXcvXz8veQ3rFuuGFneF54Ts/view or contact Amie Pariseau at apariseau@nhlra.com or (603) 228.9585.

NHSCA Grant Information Workshops

The NH State Council on the Arts has a variety of grants available for the 2019 fiscal year. Come meet NHSCA staff and learn about these grant programs. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Workshops will be held in four different locations around the state from February 20 – March 1st. To find out more and register go to www.nh.gov/nharts/grants/basics/grantworkshops.htm.

Kars4Kids Small Grants Programs

Kars4Kids is a national car donation charity that funds various educational and youth programs dedicated towards helping children succeed in school and in life. For more information about their programs go to www.kars4kidsprograms.org/programs.

We hope you found this edition of the NH DOE messages informative and useful. If you have feedback or questions, please send an e-mail to lori.kincaid@doe.nh.gov. If you received this from a colleague and want to subscribe to receive this newsletter directly, please go to <http://maillist.nh.gov/list/doe/?p=subscribe&id=7>