



New Hampshire

# Department of Education

Professional  
Development and  
Other Opportunities

September-October  
2018

## Professional Development

### **School Climate & Learning Conference**

The Annual NH School Climate & Learning Conference SEL: Why It Matters In Discipline, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment!, will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, at the Church Landing, Mill Falls Inns, in Meredith. The conference is presented by School Climate Consulting Services and designed for superintendents, principals, assistant principals, deans of students, curriculum and instruction coordinators and school/district administrators as well as practitioners including classroom teachers, school guidance and adjustment counselors, resource officers, and other safe school members. Christine Brennan, the deputy commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Education, will be offering the welcome address.

The cost of the conference is \$295 for an individual or \$750 for a team of three (each additional team member is \$250). The fee covers conference attendance, e-materials via flash drives, coffee and pastry, and certificate of attendance listing appropriate professional development credit hours. Registration deadline is Oct. 16, and space is limited.

For more information, visit <http://www.schoolclimateconsulting.org/>.

### **What Matters Most for Student Achievement?**

The New Hampshire Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development presents a conference with Dr. Doug Reeves from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018, at the Grappone Conference Center, 70 Constitution Ave. in Concord. Equipped with the latest 2018 evidence, Reeves will share specific professional practices for educators and leaders that are associated with improved achievement, engagement, behavior, and attendance. Evidence comes from a variety of rural, suburban, and urban educational systems. Participants will critically assess research and develop specific ways to create "inside-out" change based on what works best for their schools.

The cost of the conference is \$195 for NHASCD members; \$245 for non-members. There is a 10 percent discount for team members of five or more registering at the same time.

[To register, visit cvent.com](#), and spend a rich and meaningful day of professional learning with Dr. Doug Reeves and colleagues from all over New Hampshire and beyond.

### **UDL And PE: Including All Students**

Join with fellow colleagues for a half-day training designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of Universal Design for Learning presented from the perspective of physical education. Dr. Michelle Grenier, the adapted physical education coordinator at the Department of Kinesiology, University of New Hampshire, will take participants through the three UDL networks (The WHY of Learning; The WHAT of Learning; The HOW of Learning) and provide insights for applying the UDL framework to physical education. Significant time will be devoted to working in groups to delve more deeply into how UDL is embedded in lesson planning and pedagogy. Upon completion of the workshop, attendees will receive a three-hour professional development certificate.

The cost is \$25 for NHAHPERD members; non-member \$55 (scholarships are available). The training will take place from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, 2018, at the New Hampshire Department of Education, 101 Pleasant St. in Concord, in Room 15. Morning refreshments will be provided. Sponsors include NHAHPERD, UNH, and the NH DOE.

For more information, [click on this registration link](#) or contact Marcia McCaffrey at 603-271-3193 or [marcia.mccaffrey@doe.nh.gov](mailto:marcia.mccaffrey@doe.nh.gov).

Make checks payable to NHAHPERD. Send to NHAHPERD, P.O. Box 123, Bath, NH 03740

To request an invoice email, NHAHPERD Executive Director Dianne Rappa at [drappa@roadrunner.net](mailto:drappa@roadrunner.net).

## Resources

### Picture Writing for Teachers

The NH DOE Title III Office is hosting a one-day Introduction to Picturing Writing to New Hampshire teachers on Friday, Oct. 12. To view flyer/registration form: <http://www.picturingwriting.org/pdf/PW-Oct2018-NHDOE.pdf>. Registration deadline is Oct. 5.

### Online Course Session Dates: Oct. 10, to Nov. 27

OPEN NH's fall 2018 session registration is now open. Each session runs for seven weeks. The content is broken up into units, which are one week long. Units begin on a Wednesday and end on the following Tuesday. This puts the weekend in the middle of a unit, allowing for greater flexibility. The courses are asynchronous, which allows you to login and participate at a time of your choosing. However, due to the discussion-based nature of the units, you do have to participate regularly throughout the seven weeks of the session.

The following courses are Scheduled to RUN:

- AR-01 Arts Integration in the Elementary Classroom
- AS-01 Full STEAM Ahead! Introducing Design Thinking as a Reflective Teaching Strategy through Integration of a Project-based Invention Curriculum
- BP-01 Creating and Using Meaningful Rubrics that Assess Student Work
- BP-17 Moving to Competency Based Teaching and Learning
- LA-07 Using Content to Increase Reading and Writing Skills
- SC-06 Next Generation Science: Concepts in Earth Space Science
- SS-05 Teaching American History Using Primary Sources and Internet Resources

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

### Charter School Evaluators Needed

The NHDOE is looking for volunteers to participate in the review of charter school start up applications and charter school renewals. The time commitment would be approximately three to five total hours for the startup application reviews and approximately eight hours for charter school renewal reviews, which would consist of being part of a team for a school site visit, a review of documentation for evidence, and a summary of the team's findings. The DOE will provide training in advance for both types of the reviews, and a comprehensive rubric for evaluations. In the 2018-2019 academic year, there are seven renewals to evaluate, and there will most likely be three new startup applications to review. The evaluators consist of three people including a department employee, a charter school representative, and an educator from the public.

The department is hoping to have enough volunteers so that we would only need to call on each volunteer once. Participating in a startup application review will give you the opportunity to use your knowledge, experience and expertise to evaluate a new innovative program, helping to ensure that the program has every chance for success. Volunteers will also be able to gain valuable experiences and insights, as well as opportunities to network with other charter school staff.

Participating in a school renewal review can also be a valuable experience, as you will have the opportunity to learn about the successes and challenges of other charter school programs, and be able both gain and offer valuable insights. The takeaways can be very rewarding, helping to reflect upon and strengthen your own program, as you will undoubtedly make comparisons between your program and the one you are reviewing.

For more information, contact Charter School Administrator Jane Waterhouse at the NH DOE at 603-271-6813 or via email at [Jane.Waterhouse@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Jane.Waterhouse@doe.nh.gov).

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

### Learn About Young Inventors

Does your school do Invention Convention? Encourage hands-on learning or use that Maker Space as students mastermind original inventions or design inventive chain reactions. It is not too late to join the Young Inventors' Program this school year— more than 60 New Hampshire and Massachusetts schools send students to the regional and onto the national competitions. The next training workshop begins in October online through Open NH – visit the Academy of Applied Science at <http://www.aas-world.org/YIP> for more info or contact Nicole Bellabona, Director, at [nbellabona@aas-world.org](mailto:nbellabona@aas-world.org) to sign up.

### High School Mock Trials In NH

Mock Trial is a team competition that pits two teams of students against each other by trying a criminal or civil case. Students learn and hone essential life-long skills by participating in mock trial. Skills such as: critical thinking, public speaking, team work, thinking on your feet, how to form a persuasive and cohesive argument and analytical skills. Mock trial builds confidence. This activity also syncs with civic education as students learn how our legal system works. The New Hampshire High School Mock Trial Association, a non-profit corporation, is comprised of a board of directors made up of coaches, attorneys, and a former high school mock trial participant. The NHHSMTA is the organization that organizes and conducts the state tournament in New Hampshire and also provides outreach to schools interested in forming a team or those interested in integrating mock trial into their curriculum.

The NHHSMTA is holding an all-day seminar on mock trials on Saturday, Oct 13, 2018, at Souhegan High School in Amherst. The cost is \$60 per student and all are welcome to attend. Contact Richard Vassar at [richardv48@gmail.com](mailto:richardv48@gmail.com) for information.

The state competition will be held in February 2019. The winner represents New Hampshire in the National Mock Trial competition. There is also an invitational mock trial tournament held in December sponsored by Bishop Guertin High School.

If you are interested in the New Hampshire Mock Trial, contact board President Brian Jackson at [JacksonB@bqhs.org](mailto:JacksonB@bqhs.org). Jackson is also the contact person for the invitational tournament or Vassar for information on the tournaments or on outreach to schools.

### Keeping Students Healthy and Safe

Media Power Youth, NH's nonprofit leader in media literacy, can help you keep students on track to make healthy choices, promoting academic and social success. At the same time, we can help you prevent bullying, violence, and aggression, substance use, and unhealthy food choices. Through generous support from the NH DOJ, educators can receive a reduced cost of \$50, per person, through June 30, 2019.

Media Literacy for Safe & Healthy Choices – grades 2-3 and grades 4-6

Online Evidence-based Training & Curricula, (NREPP SAMHSA listed): Online Media Literacy for Safe & Healthy Choices training and curricula. Core concepts of media literacy through media effects on violent behavior, bullying, substance use and healthy food choices. Interactive, self-paced, engaging with lesson plans, including media and handouts, ready to implement. (Grade 2 to 3, 10 lessons; Grade 4 to 6, 12 lessons). Special updates include new topics: vaping and digital citizenship.

<https://mediapoweryouth.org/online-training/>

In Person Evidence-based Training & Curricula: The org's popular in-person six-hour professional development training to bring Media Power Youth's evidence-based curricula to life for your students. Core concepts of media literacy through media's effects on violent behavior, bullying, substance use and nutritional choices. Special updates include new topics: vaping and digital citizenship.

<https://mediapoweryouth.org/educators/>

Screenshots: A media literacy curriculum for middle school students to prevent violence, aggression, cyberbullying and substance use and promote responsible use of media. Helps students evaluate and think critically about media. Features lesson plans with accompanying podcasts, interactive projects and innovative interactive notebook design. Four units, three-lessons each and a guided final project. Units can be delivered in any order: Digital Citizenship, Cyberbullying, conflict Resolution, and Media and Substance Use.

Workshops – Parents, Professionals & Students: Workshops will teach the basics of media literacy using a variety of health topics including violence, bullying, alcohol, tobacco, and other substance use, healthy eating, body image or topic of choice. Participants will be empowered to think critically about media and how media can impact healthy decision-making.

<https://mediapoweryouth.org/community/>

Call Media Power Youth staff for further info at 603-222-1200 or email:

[educationteam@mediapoweryouth.org](mailto:educationteam@mediapoweryouth.org).

## **Cyberbullying Resources**

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has released an announcement on the importance of addressing cyberbullying. As children return to school, FTC encourages parents and educators to monitor kids' online activity and engage in conversations about preventing cyberbullying. The NCCIC encourages users to review [FTC's article](#) and the following resources for more information:

- [Stand Up to Cyberbullying](#) video <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/media/video-0005-net-cetera-stand-cyberbullying>
- [StopBullying.gov](#) website <https://www.stopbullying.gov/>
- [Dealing with Cyberbullies](#) tip <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST06-005>
- [Keeping Children Safe Online](#) tip <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST05-002>

## **Signups Now Open for 2nd Annual Virtual Coding Competition**

The New Hampshire Cyber Robotics Coding Competition is an exciting online competition in its second year using a cloud-based simulation platform featuring a virtual, 3D animated robot. The competition focuses on code development – the new frontier of STEM – teams in grade levels will compete from any Chrome computer browser to complete missions and challenges. Winners will be the schools who can best strategize, plan and complete the challenges. The NH DOE is a co-sponsor of the event. The competition kicks off on Oct. 1, 2018, with teacher orientation and training. Teachers will be able to practice with CoderZ – the coding interface from Intelitek – after that. On Oct. 15, the competition “boot camp” starts. Registration will be open to students until Nov. 4.

For more information or to sign up, [click here](#).

## **CFES Brilliant Pathways Conference**

The 2018 CFES Brilliant Pathways Conference is for K-16 educators, corporate leaders, and other dream-makers to network and hone strategies that prepare all students for college and 21st-century jobs will be held from Nov. 2, to Nov. 3, 2018, in Burlington, VT. The two days of workshops and panels that will innovate, implement and impact STEM Readiness, Essential Skills, K-12 Business Partnerships, Career Readiness, and College Pathways. Keynote speakers include; William “Mo” Cowan, one of eight African Americans to serve as a U.S. Senator; Rene Godefroy, who arrived in the U.S. with \$5 and two shirts yet today advises thousands on the methods of success, and Carolyn

Slaski, head of HR at Ernst & Young.  
To register for the event, visit [BrilliantPathways.org](http://BrilliantPathways.org).

### **Districts: Safeguard Your Systems**

School districts looking to safeguard computer systems as well as student and teacher information can leverage no-cost cybersecurity resources, services, and assistance offered by the DHS funded Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), which assists U.S. public education organizations. The MS-ISAC provides informational materials, notifications, and services at no cost including:

- Notifications of possible compromise
- Reporting on vulnerabilities of your publicly accessible systems
- Cyber threat intelligence
- Digital Forensics
- Incident Response
- Monthly membership webcasts outlining the past month's threat landscape
- Cybersecurity educational and awareness materials

Membership in the MS-ISAC is always at no-cost and is voluntary. The only requirement to becoming a member is to have your IT Director, or other technical point of contact, register here:

<https://learn.cisecurity.org/ms-isac-registration>.

### **2019 NH State Spelling Bee**

The New Hampshire Union Leader is pleased to present the NH State Spelling Bee on Feb. 23, 2019. The winner of the state spelling bee advances to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Airfare and hotel expenses provided by the Elks. The Spelling Bee program is open to all schools (public, private and parochial) and home-school groups in New Hampshire. Students from grades 1 to 8 can participate. Registration is underway. The deadline for the discounted fee (\$160) ends Oct. 14, 2018.

For more info on joining the 2019 local program visit, [unionleader.com/spellingbee](http://unionleader.com/spellingbee) If you participated last year, you will automatically be contacted when registration opens. If you would like to be added to the list for updates, contact Community Relations Manager Stephanie Baxter at [sbaxter@unionleader.com](mailto:sbaxter@unionleader.com) or 603-206-7833.

### **4th Grade Water Science Fair, Drinking Water Festival and Water Poetry Contest**

Three events in one day: Schools may participate in one or all three events. At the Drinking Water 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. These lessons are packed with opportunities to explore Next Generation Science Standards concepts.

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 in preparation for the state-level fair. Organizers have a guide booklet to make this process easy and are happy to discuss with you ways your schools can participate. Students who participate in the festival may also take part in a Water Poetry Contest. Students compose a water-related poem centered on an overarching theme. Poets with the top poems will read them aloud before their peers during the awards ceremony.

The festival, water science fair and water poetry contest are free to registered schools and will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 8, 2019, in Manchester. Space is limited.

To apply or for more info, including copies of the water science fair guide booklet and water poetry guidelines, contact Lara Hooper at [lara.hooper@des.nh.gov](mailto:lara.hooper@des.nh.gov) or 603-271-4071.

### **'Breaking Down Barriers and Building Collaboration'**

The NH Transition Community of Practice presents its 12th Annual Transition Summit on Nov. 27, 2018, at the Grappone Conference Center, 70 Constitution Ave. in Concord. NH Transition CoP Summit is the only statewide conference for training, collaboration, networking, and information focused exclusively on the transition to life after high school for students with disabilities. This year, the org will feature keynote speaker Dan Habib, a nationally recognized filmmaker at the University of New Hampshire's Institute on Disability, and the creator of many award-winning documentary films on disability related topics. Habib will share what he learned about transition across the country while creating his current documentary, "Intelligent Lives," which examines our society's narrow perceptions of intelligence. More information coming soon.

### **Assessment Administrators Needed Next Year**

Seeking motivated individuals to proctor in-school assessment sessions with Grade 4, 8, and 12 students for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Must be available to work Jan. 28, to March 8, 2019. Paid training, paid time and mileage reimbursement for local driving, and weekly paychecks. This is a part-time, temporary position.

For more information, visit <http://www.workNAEP.com> and provide your name and email. We will contact you with a link to our online application when it is available. Online applications will be accepted beginning in June 2018. Questions? Email: [NAEPPrecruit@westat.com](mailto:NAEPPrecruit@westat.com). WESTAT, EOE.

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