NH Extended Learning Opportunities: Motivation for Postsecondary Preparation and Success

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An Emerging New Era of Education in NH

In 2005 NH began to realize a Vision of High School Redesign where we moved from schools to a learning communities.

ELOs are a hallmark of this work

- Individualize, Personalize, and Customize a student high school experience.
- Expose, Explore, and Experience
- Enhance and Expand
- The spectrum runs from those on non-standard diplomas to those with college aspirations. Goal = Equitable Access and Opportunities
Why ELOs?

Extended Learning Opportunities

- Individualized
- Competency-Based
- Student-Driven
- Academically Rigorous
- Builds Essential Skills
- Hands On & Experimental
Highly Quality ELO Components

- Essential Question
- ELO Partners
- Communication Plan
- Timeline/Benchmark
- Credit Bearing (Competencies)
- Assessment
Common Learning Components

An ELO is based on unique content area competencies which students explore through common learning components:

- Reflection
- Research
- Product
- Presentation

Resources:
- Reflection Information
- Reflection Paper Outline
- Journal Entry Template
- Reflection Rubric
- Research Information
- Research Rubric
- Product Information
- Product Rubric
- Presentation Information
- Presentation Rubric
Roles and Responsibilities

● **Student**
  ○ Has an interest or passion, and a desire to explore learning.

● **Community Partner**
  ○ Provides the expertise for what the student wants to learn.

● **Parent or Guardian**
  ○ Support the student, agree to the ELO, and may assist in identifying the community partner.
Roles & Responsibilities

- **ELO Coordinator**
  - Coordinates the different aspects of an ELO including agreements with partners, DOL approval, communication with all parties.

- **Mentor Teacher**
  - To work with the student & ELO coordinator on identifying competencies and assessing learning.
**NH ELO Network**

- Meet monthly (meetings, site visits, school visits, regional meetings, PD)

- Regional support structure
  - North Region
  - Lakes Region
  - Capital Region
  - South Western Region
  - South Central Region
  - Eastern Region

- [www.nhelonetwork.com](http://www.nhelonetwork.com)
Resources

- NH Extended Learning Opportunity Program Design Handbook
- Beyond Classroom
- Next Steps NH
- NH DOE information on ELOs
- Reaching Higher NH information on ELOs - Great Marketing Tools!
- Winnacunnet Promotional Videos
- ELO Informational Pamphlet
Questions?

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