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How does a school district join the State Scholars Initiative?

Interested school districts are to contact Scott Power, Director of New Hampshire Scholars. Typically, an introductory meeting with all of the district's stakeholders is held (i.e. superintendent, principal of high school and middle school, guidance personnel and school-to-work coordinators, if any).

School districts officially become State Scholars Districts when the following documents are completed (New Hampshire Scholars will provide customized documents for you):

- Memorandum of Agreement signed by the district's superintendent
- Letter of Commitment signed by principals of all participating schools

Essentially this indicates commitment to the programming, activities, and overall goals of the New Hampshire Scholars Initiative. The school will assign a main contact person(s) for this project. In which, one of the responsibilities is to develop a business advisory council willing to provide support to students in the program.

To be included in New Hampshire Scholars, schools will:

1. **Offer all courses required in the core course of study**
2. **Recruit business leaders as partners to support the district**
3. **Organize frequent workshops for middle school and high school students to reinforce and motivate students on an ongoing basis**
4. **Recognize and support students who sign on**
5. **Honor each senior who completes the Scholars Core Course of Study (include designation on high school transcript)**
6. **Provide data (via *i.4.see* system) with baseline and evaluation data, to the extent feasible**
7. **Submit an Annual Report highlighting academic year's accomplishments**

New Hampshire Scholars will provide support to the district to assist with implementation and sustainability. Each school district can expect to receive the following:

1. **Banner to market/promote initiative at high school**
2. **Gold medallions for all New Hampshire Scholar graduates**
3. **New Hampshire Scholar foil seals for diplomas**
4. **Assistance with School Kick-Off Event**
5. **Materials/handouts, sample letters, brochures and 4-Year Planner in electronic format to be reproduced/customized at the school**
6. **Assistance with press releases and media coverage**
7. **Relevant information including New Hampshire Scholars Monthly Newsletter and current trends relative to college admissions and financial aid**
8. **Assistance to network and convene with potential business partners**

New Hampshire Scholars welcomes you to join the growing network of school districts across the state.