

# School - Business Partnerships

## Ways in which businesses can support their local school districts



New Hampshire's State Scholars Initiative is a national program that uses business leaders to motivate students, beginning in 8th grade, to complete a rigorous course of study in high school—one that will better prepare them for college and career.

New Hampshire Scholars invites business leaders to connect with school districts to provide workshops, activities and mentoring opportunities to students. Participating districts collaborate with businesses to provide extensive career development activities including career fairs, informational interviews, job shadowing and classroom workshops.

### Business volunteers may participate by:

- Serving on local New Hampshire Scholar Advisory Boards thereby bringing their ideas and needs to teachers, administrators, community members and students – all of whom will benefit from the employer's experiences in the hiring of students
- Deliver presentations or workshops to students in grades 8-12
- Sponsor a school activity (ice cream social, pizza lunch) providing both an incentive and encouragement to join the program
- Provide job shadowing and internship opportunities to NH Scholars (summer and/ or school year – paid or unpaid)
- Provide workshops (interviewing techniques, resume writing, managing your finances...)
- Host company tours for NH Scholars
- Provide scholarship dollars for NH Scholars graduates
- Help school personnel determine other creative ways to better prepare them for life after high school

*"Collaboration between a school and the business community demonstrates an increased support system for students. When students hear local business professionals talk about the importance of gaining a high skill set, developing interview skills and understanding how to handle oneself outside of school, it really hits home. When local business people explain to them that 21st century skills are critical, students listen."*

Tom Raffio  
President and CEO  
Northeast Delta Dental  
NH Scholars Business Partner

In this statewide effort, more school districts show interest every day.  
Inquire about which schools in your region are actively participating.

Interested in becoming involved in New Hampshire Scholars?

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