

2008 SEAM Conference:

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Session Descriptions

Boundary Issues & Legal Consequences: This workshop will explore situations and challenges faced by new teachers in maintaining appropriate teacher-student boundaries. Strategies will be described which can help maintain teacher effectiveness and protect the personal and professional integrity of both the teacher and the student. In particular, participants will learn how to avoid situations which can lead to adverse consequences.

Bullying Prevention: This session will be an introduction to a much longer bullying prevention program. With the use of research and the whole school approach, you will learn more about bullying issues and how to deal with them and prevent them from becoming a more serious issue in your schools.

Diversity: The Diversity session will include developing plans/programs (Whole School Approach) for schools around bullying, diversity (cultural, ethnicity, differing abilities, gender, families), and safe schools (safe school and student achievement).

Exploring the Revised Maine Learning Results: In this session, participants will understand the structure and design of the new document and identify the difference between the old and new. You will explore implications for teaching & learning and understand what students should know and be able to do at various checkpoints during their education.

Interviewing for your First Teaching Job: This session will allow you to meet with a principal, ask questions about the interviewing process, and receive some tips on how to make a strong first impression.

National Board "Take One" Program: You will receive an introduction to the new National Board "Take One" program, which is something you will be able to pursue during your first year of teaching, and will receive an introduction on how becoming Nationally Board Certified will change the way you view yourself as an educator and the way you interact with your students. You will also learn how NBC teachers are monetarily rewarded in Maine.

Social Networking/Instructional Technology: In this session, participants will learn how to use technology for 21st Century learners. You will understand the benefits and pitfalls of social networking. Other technology tools will be explored.

Your First Teaching Certificate: The Maine Department of Education's Coordinator of Certification will discuss the process for receiving an initial certificate with the fewest complications for YOU. She will also discuss the process for maintaining a certificate throughout your career.

Plenary Session: You're In Charge Now This important life-skill presentation was developed by Horace Mann Insurance Company for new teachers and discusses budgeting and financial goal setting for the beginning teacher. Credit card usage and securing and managing loans in a wise manner are covered in detail. The session will spend some time describing savings for short term and long term goals touching on retirement savings options.