



2025 Optimizing Student Services for Success

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Primex Building, Concord, NH

Agenda

Time

8:15am - 8:45am

Registration & Refreshments

8:45am - 8:50am

Welcome, Review of Agenda

- Heather Barker, Student Services Center Director, NHSA

8:50am - 12:00pm

Building Universal and Targeted Systems of Supports

- Dr. Kathleen McCaffery, NHED Reading & Writing Specialist K-12 & Katherine Leswing, NHED Administrator of the Office of Student & Educator Wellness

Spend the morning with Kathleen and Katherine learning ways to build universal and targeted systems of supports to strengthen district capacity and promote positive outcomes for all students.

12:00pm - 12:45pm

Lunch Break

12:45pm - 2:25pm

Eligibility Under Section 504 and IDEA: Policies and Procedures

- Janel Leblanc, NHED 504 and IDEA Instructional Coordinator

Janel will review district responsibilities under Section 504 and IDEA, with a focus on eligibility policies and procedures.

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Ensuring Success for Students who use AAC

- Amy Bereiter, MS, CCC-SLP, ATP, BCS-CL, Service Delivery Manager & AAC Consultant, Boothby Therapy Services

Many students with significant support needs require augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) systems to achieve a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). This session introduce AAC, its role in schools, explain why it's essential for many students, and offer practical guidance and concrete strategies for school and district leaders to strengthen supports for staff and students.

Superintendents and administrators will leave with a stronger understanding of AAC and clear strategies to support school teams, ensuring all students who require/use AAC have the tools they need to succeed.

