

## News from the DOE March, 2008

### **English language arts Certification Standards**

A representative group of English language arts educators have completed a draft document of revisions to the current certification standards for English language arts educators working with students at grades 5-8 and 5-12. The revised standards recognize the necessity to address media literacy as we move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A draft of the standards may be viewed at the English language arts web page located on the NH DOE website

<http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/doe/organization/curriculum/ELA/ELA.htm>

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Sample **High School English language arts Course Competencies**, which were developed by members of the New Hampshire Council of Teachers of English, may also be found on the English language arts web site.

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**A NECAP Practice Test for Reading and Writing for Grade 9**, which is based on Grade 8 Grade-Level Expectations GLEs, are now available. The purpose of these samples is to illustrate actual NECAP test items used for the required Grades 3-8 and Grade 11 NECAP. These Grade 9 samples were developed for school and district use **only**.

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**NECAP, 2008 development** continues in March as educators from districts throughout the state convene to work on the next set of NECAP assessments to be administered in October, 2008. Educators check the validity of test items and passages for Grades 3-8 and 11 in reading and writing based on the GLEs/ GSEs, depth of knowledge, and alignment to curriculum. This year the committees will meet in Rhode Island with their counterparts from that state and Vermont as we continue with the tri-state NECAP effort.

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