

Transitioning to a Standards - Based System of Education in Maine

An informational conference introducing the Maine Department of Education's work with the Re-Inventing Schools Coalition (RISC), and their approach to standards-based, learner-centered education.

May 12 - 14, 2009
9AM - 4PM

Morgan Hill Event Center
82 Morgan Hill Lane, Hermon, Maine.

As required by Maine statute, students in Maine will graduate based on demonstrated achievement of the Learning Results. Mindful of what representatives from each of the stakeholder groups in Maine have articulated regarding what is needed to build capacity and increase the collective power of people to move the system forward, the Department has contracted with the Re-Inventing Schools Coalition (RISC). RISC is an organization of schools and districts in Alaska (and more recently schools or districts in CA, CO, and IL) who have moved from the theory of standards-based design to 15 years of standards-based practice in classrooms, schools, and districts. RISC will work with the Department to make connections between the work occurring in Maine since the adoption of the 1997 Learning Results, and the next steps as Maine transitions to a standards-based system. With a learner-centered focus at its core, the components of shared vision, leadership, standards-based education, and continuous improvement radiate out from the core and inform all decisions made in the system.

The purpose of this conference is to develop understanding of Maine's strategy for implementing a standards-based, learner-centered system of education using the RISC Model, and take the first important steps in putting that strategy into action. The conference will provide participants with an opportunity to:

- Develop an understanding of the RISC Model of a standards-based system of education;
- Learn how to apply tenets of the RISC Model in school districts; and
- Learn about Maine Department of Education's plans for facilitating and supporting this work.



Highlights...

Presenters include:

- Rick Schreiber and Wendy Battino, RISC Co-Founders
- Scott Bacon, ThreeShapes, LLC
- Dr. Robert Marzano, Marzano Research Laboratory
- Dr. John Davis, former superintendent of Bering Strait School District
- Staff and students from Highland Tech High in Anchorage, AK

A special breakout group will be convened specifically for student members of teams.

A draft conference agenda will be posted to the website www.maine.gov/education/sbs/

Registered attendees will each receive a copy of *Delivering on Promise: The Education Revolution*, an in-depth exploration of standards-based education and the RISC Model.

Who Should Attend...

School district personnel and related stakeholders who would like to know more about the RISC Model are invited to join us for this important opportunity. We strongly recommend that teams representing a wide range of stakeholders attend this conference together. Recommended roles include: student(s), teacher(s), School Board member, curriculum leader, CTE representative, principal(s), and superintendent. Team sizes of 6-8 are optimal.

Registration fee of \$25.00 per person includes

- admittance to all three days of the conference,
- continental breakfast and lunch, and
- *Delivering on the Promise: The Education Revolution*.

Register Online at www.maine.gov/education/sbs/

Registration Deadline: May 1st
Cancellation Deadline: May 5th

For individuals not affiliated with any school district as staff, faculty, or representatives of the student body, and who are not DOE staff, the registration fee for the three-day conference is \$100. These stakeholders are welcome to attend if space is available.

Conference Dates:
May 12 - 14, 9AM - 4PM, at the Morgan Hill Event Center, Hermon, Maine (www.morganhilleventcenter.com).

Lodging is available at Best Western White House Inn in Bangor (www.whitehouseinnbangor.com). Ask for the MDOE conference rate.

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**Post-Conference Workshop:
Exploring Participation in the First Cohort Pilot**

May 15, 2009
9AM - 4PM
Morgan Hill Event Center

This one-day, post-conference workshop is designed for the leadership of school districts who are interested in learning more about participating in the first cohort pilot. Participants will have an opportunity to:

- Understand the first cohort pilot expectations and support
- Understand the application process

The registration fee for this workshop is \$25 per person. Register online at www.maine.gov/education/sbs/.

Registration fee for this workshop is separate from registration for the May 12-14 conference.