



ELO Hub

Helping others to know what ELOs are.



You might not know this, but your students are innovators in education. Extended Learning Opportunities are a growing educational tool across the country, and other states are looking to New Hampshire to learn about how ELO's – managed correctly – can help students.

In addition to my role as

ELO Facilitator at Strafford Learning Center, I serve as Co-Chairman of the Extended Learning Opportunity Network (ELON), which is a group of ELO mentors from across the state of New Hampshire, who gather every month to collaborate on how to best serve students in New Hampshire, while promoting Extended Learning Opportunities at schools throughout the state. Over the past two years, we have had groups of educators from Maine, Ohio and even Finland, come and sit at our meetings to learn more about ELO's.

I was even invited to Washington D.C. by the National Center for Learning Disabilities last summer to

talk about ELO's at a convening of educators from across the country who are looking for innovative ways to support students with different learning needs. ELO's are at the forefront of that discussion, and it was an honor to be chosen as one of just 40 educators from across the country to sit at the table for those discussions.

None of these conversations would be happening, however, if not for the successes of your students through the ELO Hub and Strafford Learning Center. When students come in excited to learn about a topic and they keep their minds open to exploration and experiences that will allow them to dig more

deeply into those topics, it opens them up to a style of learning that is a world apart from a typical public school education.

It is not only the educational world that sees the value of ELO's. For the past four years, I have also served on the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Business and Education Partnership Committee, which – as the title suggests – works to bring businesses and educational institutions together to support workforce development. It is no secret that many businesses are struggling to fill job openings. This group sees ELO's, as well as vocational/technical programs, community colleges and other educational programs, as the first step to preparing our young people for work after high school.

-Terrill Covey

New Year, New Staff

My name is Courtney Boisselle and I am the new ELO Hub teacher at Strafford Learning Center. I graduated from Keene State College in 2014 with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Since then, I have worked in a variety of education settings. I have been a 5th grade classroom teacher, a paraprofessional, a 6th grade math teacher, and an adult educator. I am excited to be working for Strafford Learning Center in an alternative education setting!



Aside from my professional history, there are many other things that I bring to the classroom. I enjoy traveling and exploring new places. I love the outdoors. During the summer I camp, hike, and fish. With winter approaching, I will be spending my weekends skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking. During my spare time, I also like to craft and paint.

I am looking forward to another quarter in the ELO Hub with all of the wonderful students and staff at Charles Ott Academy. Thank you for such a warm welcome to this new career!

-Courtney Boisselle

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EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TAKING PLACE:

Fishing ELO: This student is studying the sport of fishing through fish identification, visiting fish hatcheries, meeting with fisherman, and practicing specific fishing techniques such as fly tying.

Court of Law ELO: This student is exploring the various careers in law through research. She is also sitting in on multiple court cases at the local court to experience a variety of crimes.

Physical Education ELO: This student is using gymnastics to earn her physical education credit. So far, she has created a healthy cookbook, studied the muscles in the body, and is interning at a local gymnastics gym once a week.

Firefighting ELO: This student has recently begun an internship at a local fire station, where he will be attending once a week. He is also working on first aid and CPR certification programs.

Philosophy ELO: This college bound student has sat in on a philosophy class at the University of New Hampshire and was able to get an idea of what a college level class is like.

Custom Apparel Design ELO: This student is currently exploring the variety of airbrush techniques and is working on a t-shirt design for Charles Ott Academy.

Message from the Director

Can you believe we are wrapping up the first quarter of the 2017-2018 school year? Time flies when your having fun! The ELO hub is a remarkable experience for students who truly seek a way to experience high school in a different way. We work to support the wonderful work school districts do everyday by providing a place for students to reengage with the learning process.

For some, the small environment means less anxiety, for others it is a place to let their individuality shine. At the core of this effort is the high school credit that helps students get back on track or stay current as they work through their

individualized education plan and seeks to establish a transition plan for life after high school.

This year has started off strong and we look forward to sharing with you the work and talent students have here at the ELO Hub. At the end of the semester students will be showcasing their projects. We love sharing this with stakeholders and look forward to seeing you there!

-Paul Newell

