

Regional School Unit #23 Old Orchard Beach High School

Old Orchard Beach High School offers students a variety of learning options that allow students to demonstrate proficiency on expected learning standards, earn academic credit, and satisfy graduation requirements.

Old Orchard Beach High School also encourages its students to explore a broad range of learning experiences, including outside-of-school options, that allow them to pursue personal interests and career aspirations, gain applied knowledge and skills, and build strong work habits and character traits.

Multiple Pathways

Old Orchard Beach High School offers multiple learning options to students, including academic courses, career and technical education programming, online and blended learning experiences, alternative and at-risk programming, internship and exchange experiences, and adult education. Many of these options are detailed in the annual program of studies, and some are available to all students through the regular course registration and enrollment process.

In addition to the learning options offered by the school, students can work with advisors, counselors, and teachers to identify alternative courses, programs, or student-designed learning experiences, including independent studies and long-term projects, that engage their personal interests and ambitions, align with one or more learning standards, and meet Old Orchard Beach High School's graduation requirements.

Outside-of-school learning options may or may not be entirely aligned with specific classroom-based courses at Old Orchard Beach High School, but they must enable students to achieve some of the performance indicators and standards taught in a comparable classroom-based course. Some interdisciplinary pathway experiences may enable students to achieve performance indicators addressed in multiple content areas or classroom-based courses.

Approval, Certification, and Documentation

All learning options must be approved, reviewed, certified, and documented by administrators, teachers, and staff at Old Orchard Beach High School. Advisors, counselors, and/or teachers, working in collaboration with all participating outside instructors or supervisors, will certify that learning experiences meet OOBHS graduation requirements.

To satisfy Old Orchard Beach High School graduation requirements, all learning options must (1) be approved in advance by the school and (2) be of an equal or higher rigor and quality as the school's academic courses. If questions arise about the rigor, quality, or standards of a learning option, the Principal or a designee will make the ultimate determination.

Students who successfully complete an approved learning option will have the experience, and the resulting grade or performance level, reported on the student's progress reports, report cards, and official Old Orchard Beach High School transcript.

Legal Reference

Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Chapter 207-A, Instruction, Subchapter 1, General Requirement, Section 47

Cross Reference

IKF: Graduation Requirements

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