

Pilot Name: Maritime Heritage and Innovation ELOs @ Traip Academy

School/District Name: Traip Academy, Kittery School District

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Overview:

A redesigned Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) program at Traip Academy is conceived to be an innovative learning environment where groups of students (10-12) and faculty collaborate with industry professionals to generate ideas and potential solutions to environmental, social, economic, and historical challenges facing Kittery, the Seacoast, and the world. Because of its exclusive location on the Piscataqua River, docks, and boat launch, the possibilities to design learning related to our maritime heritage are endless. Traip Academy's proximity to downtown Kittery and Portsmouth allows students to work with businesses and non-profit organizations, exploring career pathways in our community. The ELO program at Traip Academy is ideally situated to utilize our region's people, places, and resources, to create a program that empowers more students to study complex challenges facing their generation. By situating student learning in the broader community, we can expose our students to the heritage and innovations prevalent in our region. With a redesigned ELO program, we believe we can empower more students to design more solutions and pathways to a sustainable future for themselves and our community.

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