

## Our Mission



In September, 2001, OOB/Saco Adult & Community Education launched our Alternative Education Program to provide students

with an opportunity to develop academic and life skills in an off-campus setting.

The program is by application and is available to Old Orchard Beach and Saco students. Other towns may have a "tuition in" option. The program meets Monday - Thursday.

The mission of the OOB/Saco Alternative Education Program is to provide an alternative educational opportunity and environment in which students can achieve academic, social, and personal success.



The program strives to meet students' individual needs and help them prepare for a meaningful future in college, the workplace, and their communities.



## Academic Options

In addition to completing academic work, students participate in a variety of learning activities, such as health and life skills exercises, group building activities, vocational exploration, and field trips.



We believe in the educational value of adventure-based learning, the creative process and what interacting with others and the larger community has to teach us.

# Alternative Education Program

## Saco Learning Center

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Where learning is an adventure!



Old Orchard Beach/Saco  
Adult & Community  
Education

## Program Highlights



*"I'm in college now, and I wouldn't have made it without Alternative Ed . . ."*

-Becky-

*"The smaller classes really helped a lot."*

-Chris-



*"We do lots of things outside of the classroom like field trips . . ."*

-John-



*"The four day school week and shorter days were better . . ."*

-Larry-

- Adventure-Based Learning
- Career Exploration
- College Preparation
- Small Group Setting
- Unique Field Trips
- Substance Abuse Education
- Character Education
- Life Skills Exercises

## Alternative Education

### Students who benefit...

- Are between the ages of 16 & 20
- Are hands-on learners
- Are motivated to learn when given an environment that meets their needs
- Have not experienced regular sustained success in high school
- Prefer a small group setting & individual learning approaches

## Statistics

- Alternative Education students have an average attendance rate of 88%
- 100% of seniors complete at least two college applications
- 95% of students graduate within two years
- 100% of students complete job shadowing and community service programs

## OOB/Saco Adult Education

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## Goal Options



### Academic & Other Skills

Students focus on academic and social skills with the goal of obtaining their high school credential.

### High School Diploma

Students earn course credits and receive their high school diploma through Thornton Academy or Old Orchard Beach High School, depending on residency.

### HiSET Preparation

Students prepare to pass the HiSET exam (high school equivalency degree). Students may take the HiSET once they have turned 18 years old and their high school class has graduated. There are some extenuating circumstances where students under 18 may begin testing.