

SPOTLIGHT



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The New School

38 York St., Kennebunk

How long has The New School been open? 21 years

Your primary service offered:

We are a private democratic high school for change.

What makes your school special?

The New School is a democratic high school that empowers students to reach for the best in themselves, love learning, and become responsible stewards of our world. The New School of Kennebunk was founded on the belief that many students thrive in small schools with innovative approaches to learning. The school has been true to its vision to “create a learning environment that encourages critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, personal responsibility, and a passion for learning.” the program reflects the vision. Students develop their own learning plans which include a combination of course work, independent studies, and apprenticeships with the careful guidance of their advisors, teachers, and significant adults in their lives. they are encouraged to follow passions or kindle new ones through community connections and hands-on learning opportunities.

Best thing you do:

The New School’s philosophy and curriculum reflects this emphasis on understanding and problem-solving.



Choosing the right high school can be challenging.
We'd like to help you make the right choice.

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 24th 11 am
Wood Fired Pizza + Conversation



Limited space/Reservations required
www.thenewschoolmaine.org



We have been on campus and engaged in our learning experiences this past year. We offer project-based learning using the community as our classroom. Our classes have been kayaking, fat-tire biking, creating curriculum and teaching classes, cross country skiing, building catapults, and so many other hands-on activities this past year. We have only been remote on Wednesdays,

when we have our Student Led community meetings using Zoom.

Something people don't realize about your school?

We offer small, informal classes with hands-on learning, often outdoors. We don't use tests or grades, and the students have a say in their academic program. We follow the Maine Learning Results Standards.