

Maine Regional School Unit 21

Serving the communities of Arundel, Kennebunk, and Kennebunkport, Maine.



Our Mission:

Developing productive global citizens by building knowledge and character.



Schools

- ◆ Kennebunk Elementary School (Pre-K-2)
- ◆ Kennebunkport Consolidated School (K-5)
- ◆ Mildred L. Day School (K-5)
- ◆ Sea Road School (3-5)
- ◆ The Middle School of the Kennebunks (6-8)
- ◆ Kennebunk High School (9-12)



A Wonderful Place to Live, Work, and Play

Maine Regional School Unit 21 (RSU 21) is located on Maine's coast, in York County, about 30 minutes south of Portland and 90 minutes north of Boston. We serve three towns: Arundel, Kennebunk, and Kennebunkport. The communities have a tight bond, are diverse socioeconomically, and are towns of increasing diversity. Kennebunk has about 11,000 residents, Kennebunkport about 3,500 and Arundel just over 4,000. Our communities welcome the world to the charms of Vacationland as a major tourist destination. We are rich in natural, historical, and cultural amenities, with beautiful beaches, hiking trails, museums, fine dining, and extraordinary shopping. We offer a great year-round quality of life.

High Performing Schools

RSU 21 students excel academically, and in athletics, the arts, and global citizenship. Our schools consistently score among the top schools in our state. We have high student engagement in extracurricular activities. Our amazing staff of 600 serve about 2,400 students from PreK-12, and we operate on a \$50M budget.

RSU 21 is an Equal Opportunity Employer

We strive to be a welcoming and inclusive community that supports the safety and well-being of all of our students and staff. We are committed to implementing programs and practices that support diversity, equity, and inclusion. As a part of this commitment, we welcome all applicants. RSU 21 does not discriminate based on race, color, gender, gender identity, orientation, disability, religion, age, national origin, or any other status protected under federal, state, or local law. If you are a person of color, LGBTQ+, disabled, or belong to any protected class, we encourage you to apply. Our diversity strengthens our mission to produce global citizens.

Check us out online: www.rsu21.net. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to RSU 21! Click [here](#) to learn how to earn your **Maine Superintendent Certification**.



Kennebunk Elementary School

Grades Pre-K-2, Enrollment 432

Kennebunk Elementary School has recently experienced a time of evolution and change with the shifting of KES from a K-3 grade school, to a Pre-K-2 grade school. Professional development includes, but is not limited to, a focus on the research of John Hattie and his rank ordering of effective teaching practices, learning intentions and success criteria training, Safety Care training, opioid overdose prevention training, data analysis, restorative practices, active shooter training, and a three-week evening course for staff and parents on discipline and brain development of children.

Staff commitment to lifelong learning may be one reason we consistently achieve excellent test results, with 70% of KES students scoring above the national average on the NWEA assessment. We achieve these academic results while also maintaining a steady emphasis on positive culture and positive character at KES. Student philanthropy includes collections for the Kennebunk Cares Closet, Lucky Pups Rescue, the Barbara Bush Hospital and the Center for Grieving Children, as well as donations of more than \$4,500 to Pets for Vets from our Square 1 Art fundraiser, and participation in Jump Rope for Heart, raising more than \$16,000 for the American Heart Association. Some of the many enrichment and co-curricular opportunities for students include a Family Math Night, Annual Wellness Fair, KES Kids Chorus and our Running with Character running club with more than 100 students participating.

We have an outstanding staff, an amazing facility, and incredibly supportive families.

- Ryan Quinn, Principal



Kennebunkport Consolidated School

Grades K-5, Enrollment 143

At Kennebunk Consolidated School, we strive to support students in reaching their potential as independent, responsible learners and citizens. Upon entering our school, it becomes evident quickly that the school is a unique and special place.

Our focus has shifted from curriculum alignment to instructional strategies as we have been learning about John Hattie's research related to visible learning and highly effective instruction. Professional development time focuses on instructional strategies that have high-impacts on students' academic success, specifically how to foster the development of assessment capable learners. We feel confident that we are providing our students with an exceptional program as they go through the grades at Kennebunkport Consolidated School.

We have continued to support our work related to our STARS success skills.

S for showing empathy
T for trying our best
A for acting with integrity
R for respecting differences
S for showing self-control

While our STARS work reinforces a positive climate and culture across the building, our teachers work hard to implement strategies to increase the levels of rigor and engagement in their classrooms.

- Karen Bubar, Principal

Mildred L. Day School

Grades K-5, Enrollment 225

Mildred L. Day School's Vision Statement, which was established with the input of staff, students and parents states: "Mildred L. Day is a welcoming learning community built upon respect, responsibility, and perseverance." Through a purposeful curriculum, our school engages students to become thoughtful, independent learners with an intrinsic drive for excellence. Our teaching staff works diligently each day making this vision a reality.

Our academic focus has been a continued emphasis on providing the highest quality literacy, mathematics and STEM instruction. To that end, our staff has continued their professional growth in the use of teaching strategies that have the greatest impact on student achievement. In the STEM classroom, students are not only learning technical proficiencies such as coding, robotics, and 3D printing, but are also learning key 21st Century Skills such as collaboration, problem solving, and critical thinking.

Teaching our students the value of giving back is arguably one of the most important lessons they can learn. To that end, our students and staff participate in a variety of service learning initiatives throughout the year. Last year our M.L. Day community donated over 2,100 food items to help Community Outreach feed some of the neediest families in our RSU 21 communities.

- Kyle Keenan, Principal



Sea Road School

Grades 3-5, Enrollment 312

The Sea Road School welcomes 312 students in grades 3,4, and 5 each day. Highlights of SRS programming include: a comprehensive Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) program addressing academic and behavioral needs of our student population, 3-5 foreign language instruction, a growing STEM program, educational outreach with the Boston Museum of Science, a competitive math team, gifted and talented services, talented artist program, band instruction, among others. Our faculty and staff have a strong commitment to ensuring a healthy, positive, and industrious school culture.

In areas of curriculum and assessment, SRS students continue to perform successfully on both state (MEA) and national (NWEA and NAEP) assessments. Regardless of our level of success, staff continues to analyze assessment results as a means of supporting continual school improvement. NWEA and MEA data is critical to our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) identification and programming. Though our core curriculum, grounded in mathematics and literacy, serve as the bedrock on which our instructional foundation rests, we are also cognizant of the fact that exemplary schools celebrate arts, athletics, service, and social engagement. To this end, we seek to engage the creative minds of our students and staff in activities that serve to ignite their passion for lifelong learning through a shared partnership with caregivers and community members.

- Cory Steere, Principal



The Middle School of the Kennebunks

Grades 6-8, Enrollment 581

The climate and culture at MSK is one that can be characterized as respectful, inclusive, and productive.

This culture has been fostered by a committed and caring staff who do an outstanding job each day interacting with our students. Our teachers and support staff work in teams to deliver an interdisciplinary approach to educating our students, one that allows children a variety of experiences across all content areas. We believe in making learning relevant, developing and carrying out numerous lessons that allow our students to experience learning by doing.

Participating in a variety of field trips and learning experiences helps bring relevance to learning and provides opportunities for our students to deepen their understanding of new knowledge. These very opportunities help our students achieve high marks on state assessments, gain comprehensive global middle school experience, and has enabled them to have a successful transition to Kennebunk High School.

Our students are very lucky to have numerous teams, clubs, and activities that they can take advantage of. We project that 71% of our students will participate in at least one team, club, or musical this school year and at least 47% of these students took part in more than one activity. It is great for our students to be able to have opportunities outside of the regular school day, but still be connected to our building and staff.

- Marty Bouchard, Principal

Kennebunk High School

Grades 9-12, Enrollment 750

Kennebunk High School is proud to announce a number of academic accomplishments. The 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2018 was 96.65%. SAT scores rank KHS in the top 10% of high schools in Maine. Seventy-eight percent of the students in the Class of 2018 were enrolled in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and/or dual enrollment classes with local colleges. The Class of 2019 included 6 National Merit Semi-Finalists, 3 Commended students, as well as a Presidential Scholar, 3 U.S. Presidential Scholar candidates, and one of the two Maine Delegates to the 2019 U.S. Senate Youth Program.

KHS remains committed to ensuring that all students have the support needed to succeed. To that end, a learning center for all students, guided study halls, an advisory program, a four-year continuum of career and college counseling, after-school homework help, and a Gifted and Talented Center provide assistance in addition to that which is offered by teachers before, during, and after school.

Kennebunk High School has many extra-curricular activities. KHS students serve as role models for elementary students through apprenticeships and the Barbara Bush Foundation's Teen Trendsetters, a program that partners first graders with teenagers. Many students participate in the fall and spring plays, spring musical, and annual art exhibit. Students in chamber choir, concert chorus, wind ensemble, concert band, and jazz band participate in district and state festivals and competitions. In addition, an average of 40% of KHS students are involved in athletics each season.

- Susan Cressey, Principal

