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Multiple Pathways

Traip Academy offers students a variety of learning options that allow students to demonstrate proficiency on learning standards, earn academic credit, and satisfy graduation requirements.

Traip Academy 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.

A. Learning Options

Traip Academy 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 are available to all students through the regular course registration and enrollment process.

B. Extended Learning Options

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 Traip Academy's graduation requirements.

To pursue an extended learning opportunity, including outside-of-school learning options, students must describe their anticipated learning experiences in a written plan, including how the experience satisfies both graduation requirements and expected cross-curricular and content-area standards. The plan must also include how the learning will be assessed.

Outside-of-school learning options may or may not be entirely aligned with specific classroom-based courses, but they must enable students to achieve at least some of the content-area competencies taught in a comparable classroom-based course. Some interdisciplinary pathway experiences may enable students to achieve competencies addressed in multiple content areas or classroom-based courses.

C. Approval, Certification, and Documentation

All extended learning options must be reviewed, pre-approved, and documented by the building administrator and Extended Opportunities Coordinator or designee. Staff working in collaboration with participating outside instructors or supervisors, will certify that learning experiences culminate in the demonstration of proficiency on the graduation standards detailed in a student's approved plan.

Students who successfully complete an approved learning option will have the experience, and the resulting grade or performance level, reported on the student's report cards, and official Traip Academy transcript.

Legal Reference

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

Cross Reference

IKA: Grading and Reporting System
IKC: Transcripts
IKF: Graduation Requirements

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