



'All School Overview' Transcript

Welcome to Breakwater! (repeated 7 time by a variety of students and faculty members)

Executive Director: Hello, welcome to Breakwater. Thanks for visiting. Come on inside!

Narrator: Breakwater's mission is to engage our students in an optimal learning experience that inspires them to live well on the planet, embrace their whole being, and realize their full potential. We accomplish this by continually reviewing and applying best educational practice while remaining true to our community's values and spirit.

From its founding in 1956, Breakwater has provided its students with a safe and engaging environment in which to grow and flourish. Our students come from diverse backgrounds and hail from over 20 communities in Southern Maine. Our day school program serves children from 18 months to 8th grade.

We believe that for learners of all ages, learning is most powerful when it is integrated. Learning is better synthesized and internalized when concepts and themes are reinforced within an interdisciplinary framework. Challenging. Students are challenged in a nurturing environment to move beyond their comfort zones, to take risks, try new things, and do their best work. Authentic. Information is presented in a meaningful context, is relevant to students' interests, and has useful real world applications. Personalized. Teaching methods are sensitive to children's different cognitive and learning styles and tailored to each child's developmental strengths and needs. Active. Students learn by doing and make meaning from their own experiences. They take ownership of the learning process and play an active role in constructing their knowledge. And inclusive. Optimal learning takes place in an environment that honors each individual for who they are, meets students where they are, and values multiple perspectives, diversity, and social justice.

To learn more about our programs, please visit school.breakwaterlearning.org. We hope to see you soon.