

Pilot Name: The Marine Institute

School/District Name: Belfast High School

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Overview:

The Marine Institute is an example of collaboration and innovation at Belfast Area High School unlike we have seen before. By pairing curriculum in the areas of ELA/Science and Social Studies with meaningful hands-on research and career exploration opportunities, we are putting students in the center of their educational experience, while providing meaningful connections to the community and the environment.

The Marine Institute and Internship Program at Belfast Area High School (BAHS) will provide a groundbreaking number of opportunities for Belfast Area High School students to learn about the coast of Maine and associated career opportunities by participating in collaborative curriculum experiences inside and outside of the classroom. By offering students opportunities to learn and work on the water, the goal is to turn a nationwide workforce deficiency into potential career exploration opportunities for students.

The Marine Institute and Internship Program will prepare students for future skilled jobs through community internships, field research opportunities and career exploration. In collaboration with an NSF Grant partnership with the University of Maine, the Marine Institute will build a site based outdoor classroom that will extend Penobscot Bay up the hill to Belfast Area High School for extended research practice and opportunities for students.

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