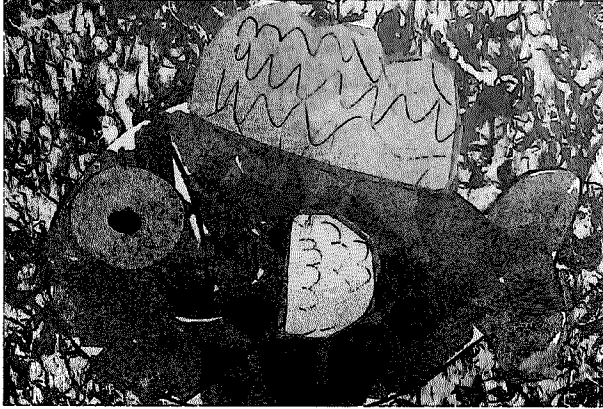


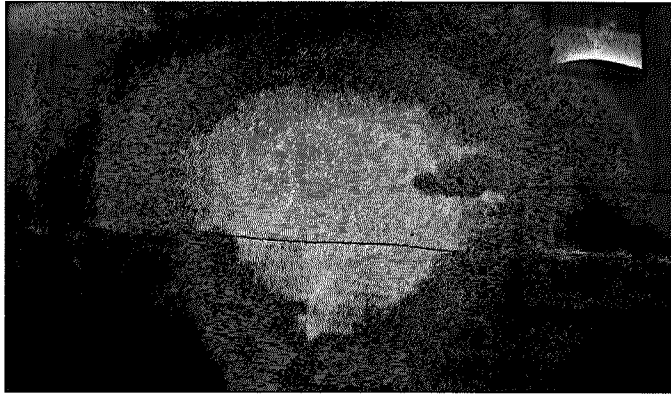


**Thank you and I am happy to answer any questions. Happy New Year.**

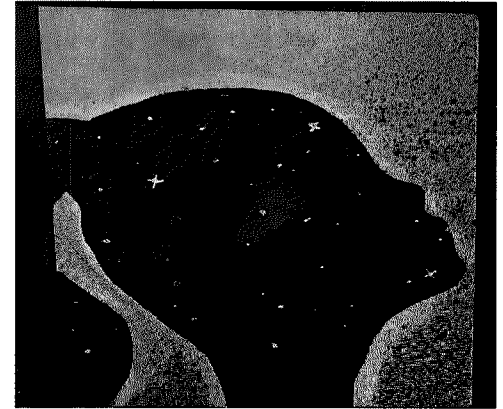
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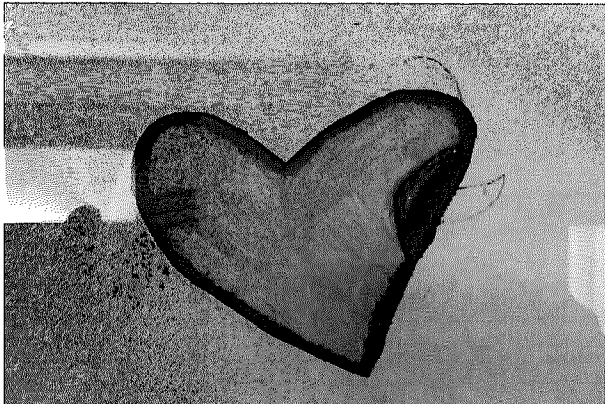
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**Sunset Over Passamaquoddy Bay. SES.Gr. 8**



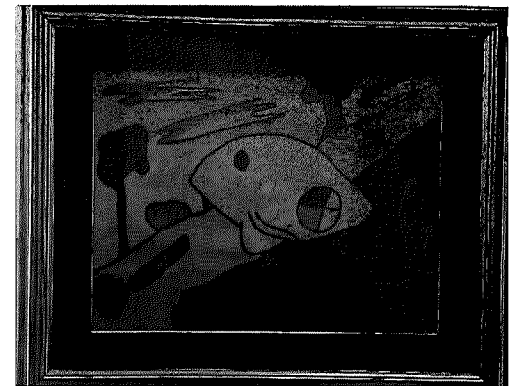
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**Heart Full of Love, ITS, Grade 3**



**Summer Waves, ITS, Kindergarten**



**Passamaquoddy Fish. SES. Gr. 8**

# Wabanaki Core

## Maine Native American High School Graduation Requirements

<b>Wabanaki and English Language Arts</b>	<b>Total of 4 Credits: 2 Credits* English and 2 Credits* Wabanaki Language</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>3 Credits including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or their equivalents</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>3 Credits including at least 2 credits that have a laboratory study component. Courses include Physical Sciences, Biology, and other lab sciences</b>
<b>Social Studies and History</b>	<b>3 Credits including American History and One Year of Wabanaki History</b>
<b>Health/Wellness</b>	<b>1 Credit total with a Health Component</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>1 Credit</b>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1 Credit in Fine Arts such as Wabanaki Art, Music, and Relevant Cultural Dance</b>
<b>Career and Education Development</b>	<p><b>5 Credits</b></p> <p>Including any/all electives relevant to Native American Studies as well as any/all of the following: Business Education, Career and Technical Education (CTE), Health, Technology (e.g., computer science, desktop publishing, multi-media, and web design), or any of the subjects above. Note: Most students majoring in CTE will take more than 5 units in a CTE program of study.</p>
<b>Additional Learning Opportunities</b>	<p><b>Complete as many of the following as possible:</b></p> <p>Advanced Placement (AP); Modern/Classical Language, Independent Study and/or Senior Project; Dual Enrollment <i>Early College</i> courses are taken for both high school and college credit; Online courses; Service Learning; and Work-based Learning. Wabanaki Related Science and Mathematics courses.</p>

**\*21 Credits – Required for high school graduation requirements for a diploma**

\*A Credit represents a full academic year of study or its equivalent in a subject that covers all the standards contained in a specific curriculum framework.

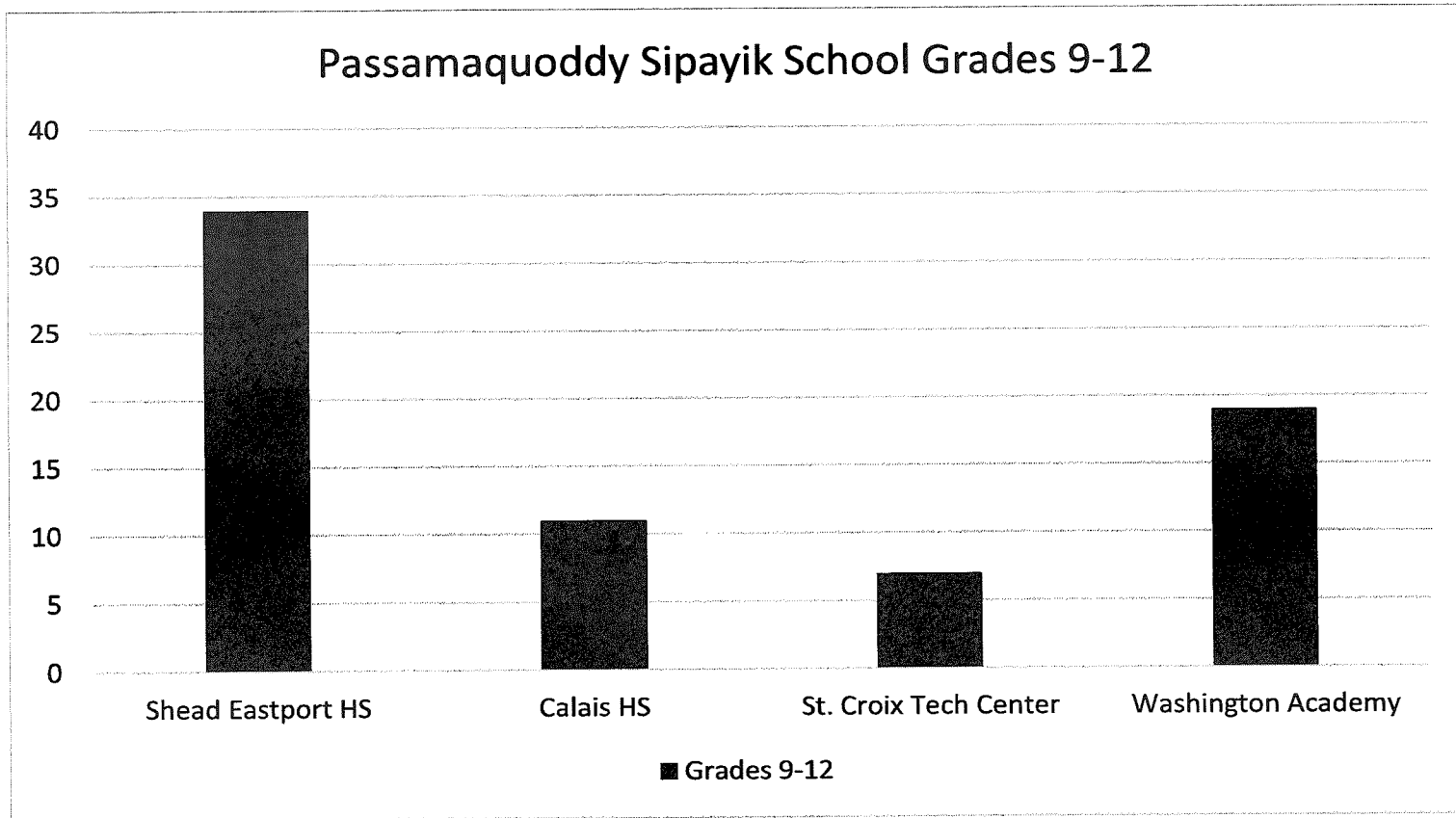
\*Wabanaki Core is the recommended program of study that high school students need in order to be better prepared for college and a career. Courses included in Wabanaki Core should be rigorous, engaging, and based on appropriate Maine Learning Results.

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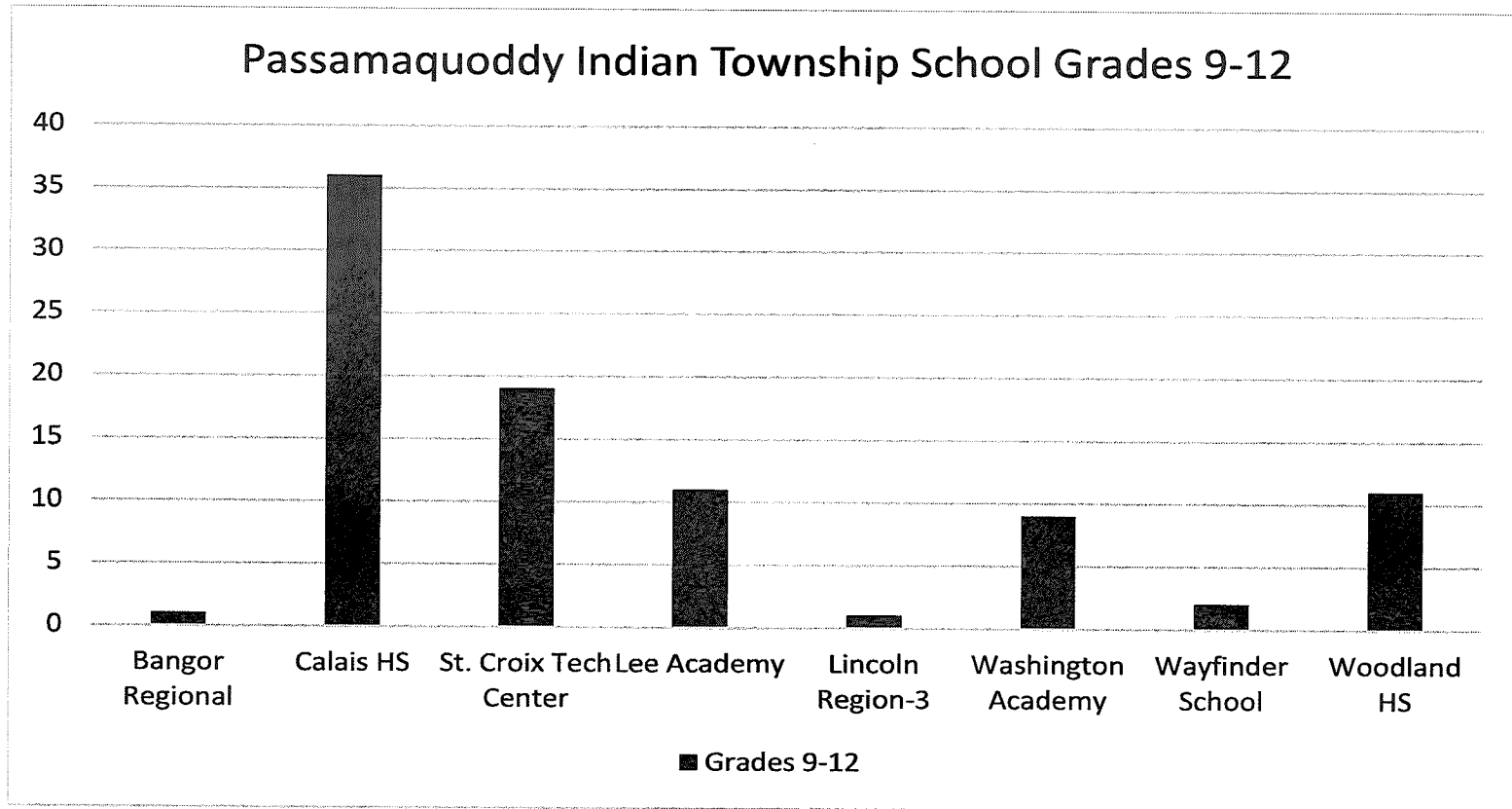
# Maine Indian Education Instructional Vision

We are creating “**Communities Committed to Learning, through Rigor, Relevancy, and Relationship**” where children and adults, individually and collectively, are continually increasing their capacity to reach shared goals.

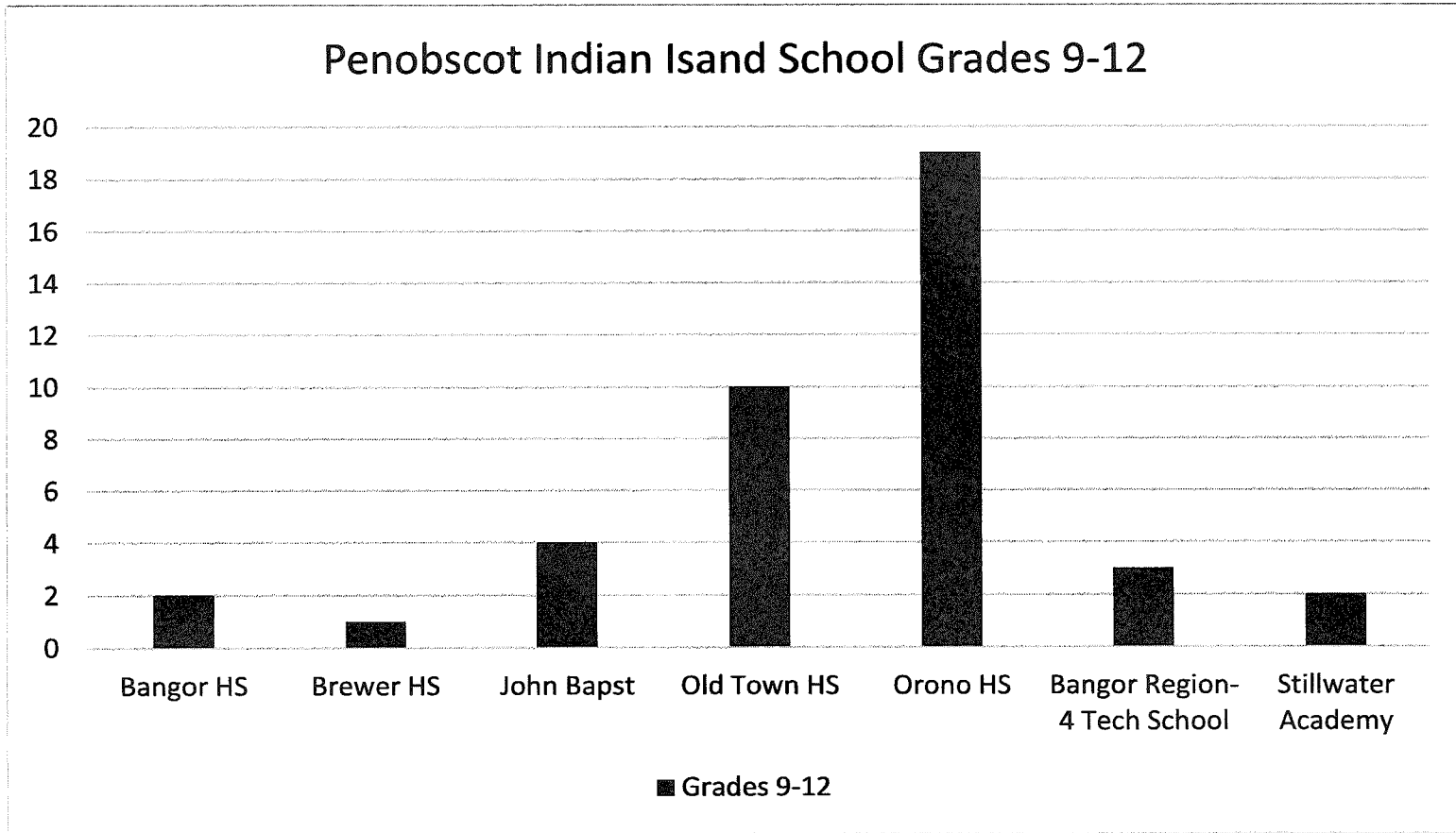
- Amend the existing high school graduation to a WabanakiCore which will provide the flexibility for our Native American Students to take courses in their language and culture, history courses more relevant to Wabanaki History and Culture, and Science and Math which is more connected to the Native American than Western Culture. Connection with the environment, community service, and use of “Wabanaki Culture Keepers”.
- To integrate the Wabanaki Culture and Language along with the fields of Environmental Science, Forestry, Farming, Agriculture, and STEM.



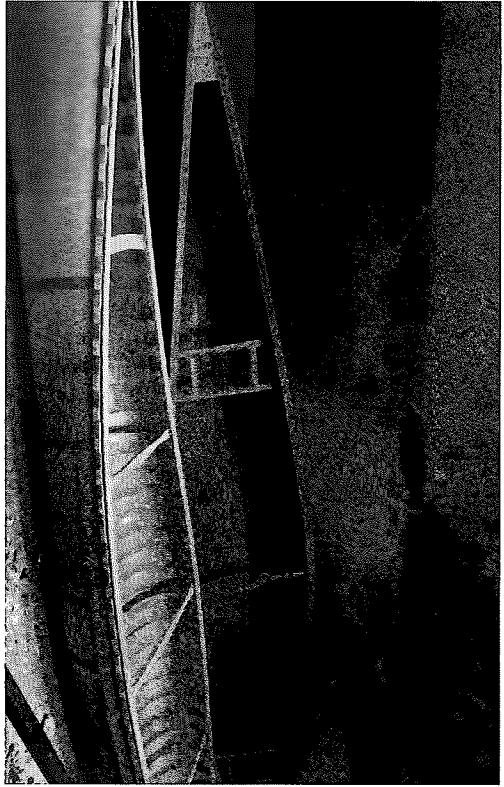
Sipayik Elementary School has an enrollment of 133 students in grades Pk-8. 71 students in grades 9-12 attending the local high schools such as Shead Eastport HS, Calais HS, St. Croix Tech Center, and Washington Academy.



Indian Township Elementary School has an enrollment of 116 students in grades Pk-8. 90 students in grades 9-12 attending the local high schools such as Bangor Regional, Calais High School, St. Croix Tech Center, Lee Academy, Lincoln Region-3, Washington Academy, Wayfinder School, and Woodland HS.



Indian Island Elementary School has an enrollment of 94 students in grades Pk-8. 41 students in grades 9-12 attending the local high schools such as Bangor HS, Brewer HS, John Bapst HS, Old Town HS, Orono HS, Bangor Region-4 Tech School, and Stillwater Academy.







# Maine Indian Education

- Serving the Wabanaki, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot Nation
- There are Tribally Controlled Schools working directly under the Tribal Government. Maine Indian Education Schools are considered as Bureau of Indian Education Grant Schools.
- Three Schools, Grades PK-8. Three School Committees and One Maine Indian Education Joint Board.
- All students in Grades 9-12, are attending the local Secondary Schools.
- The Maine Indian Education Office is located in Calais, Maine. The building is called Wabanaki Culture Center and houses the Maine Tourism Office as well as the Beautiful Wabanaki Museum and Conference Room named after Senator Susan Collins.

MaineCore

Maine High School Graduation Requirements

English Language Arts	4 Credits, including a 3-credit sequence of English, a senior year English elective, and 1 additional English credit. Courses focus on reading, writing, speaking, and listening
Mathematics	3 Credits including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or their equivalents
Science	3 Credits including at least 2 credits that have a laboratory study component. Courses include Physical Sciences, Biology, and other lab sciences
Social Studies and History	3 Credits including American History and Government topics such as civics, economics, geography, personal finance
Health/Wellness	1 Credit total with a health component
Physical Education	1 Credit
Fine Arts	1 Credit in fine arts such as art, music, theater, dance, or other visual and performing art area
Career and Education Development	Credit varies by district but at least 1 full year

Additional Learning Opportunities	<p><b>Complete as many of the following as possible:</b>                  Advanced Placement (AP); Modern/Classical Language, Independent Study and/or Senior Project; Dual Enrollment <i>Early College</i> courses are taken for both high school and college credit; Online courses; Service Learning; and Work-based Learning.</p>
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21 Credits Required to fulfill graduation requirements for a diploma

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- MaineCore establishes academic standards and learning outcomes for what students should know and be able to do but does not mandate graduation credit requirements.
- MaineCore does not universally establish a credit requirement across schools. The standards indicate learning benchmarks students should reach, while schools still decide the course paths and number of credits needed to show proficiency in those MaineCore standards. Graduation requires both completing local credit requirements and demonstrating MaineCore standards mastery.
- The total graduation credits ranges from 22-26 in the three school districts such as Augusta, Portland, and Westbrook, with some variation in subject area requirements. Students in all districts must also show MaineCore learning standards proficiency.

- I wanted to express my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Maine Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and in particular Representative Brennan for the invitation and an opportunity to present an Amended Program of Studies called "WabanakiCore".
- Governor Mills signed into law PL 2019, Chapter 202 on June 5, 2019, repealing proficiency-based diplomas, and adding the ability to count equivalent standards achievement in place of course credit. This change took effect on September 19th, 2019.
- Secondary schools must provide a comprehensive program of study that includes instruction for all students in career and education development, English language arts, health education and physical education, mathematics, science, social studies, visual and performing arts, and world languages.

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