• The Community School at Camden was founded in 1973 by Dora Lievow and Emanuel Pariser as Maine’s first alternative high school

• Opportunity Farm was founded in 1910 by Lewiston resident F. Forrest Pease

• The merger of The Community School and Opportunity Farm was effective as of July 1, 2011, creating The Community Schools at Opportunity Farm and Camden

• The Community Schools at Opportunity Farm and Camden employ 26 full and part-time staff members

• The Community Schools serve over 60 adolescents each year

• The Community School at Opportunity Farm includes approximately 350 acres of fields, woods and farmland, including six residential and administrative buildings, a large barn and community garden space

• The Community School at Camden is housed in a large converted farmhouse in downtown Camden

• The Community Schools offer two core programs: a Residential Program for youth at risk of high school non-completion, and a home-based Passages Program for teen parents

• Both programs result in the granting of a State of Maine approved high school diploma

• Students in the Residential Program live on-campus for an intensive nine-month academic term

• The Passages Program is self-paced and students receive individualized instruction in their own homes, thereby eliminating the need to secure daily transportation and child care in order to attend school

• The Passages Program began in 1994, and in 2008 was expanded to Washington County via a partnership with The Cobscook Community Learning Center

• The Residential Program is available to any Maine resident age 16-20

• The Passages program is available to any teen parent age 14-20 residing in Knox, Lincoln, Waldo, Sagadahoc, Androscoggin, Cumberland and Washington counties
For the past several years, The Community School has celebrated a 100% graduation rate in both of its programs.

2010-11 Residential Program Outcomes:
  - 100% of students reported feeling more connected to others in the community
  - 83% reported feeling more confident in themselves and their abilities
  - 100% reported feeling better prepared to enter the workforce
  - 100% reported feeling better about their ability to affect positive change in the community

All of the Community Schools’ applicants have struggled in traditional school settings, yet all remain committed to earning their high school diplomas.

The Community Schools reach underserved populations in Maine, including those facing poverty, homelessness, trauma and issues of abuse and neglect.

The Community School graduated its largest class this year:
  - 25 students in total graduated in 2011

In 2010, 96% of students were offered employment immediately upon graduation:
  - 42% of students applied and were accepted at their college of choice

In 2011, over 50% of students were accepted at the college of their choice.

The Community School is a state and nationally recognized model of alternative education.