



- 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

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- 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