

Quarterly Report: 'January 2021
Expanded Learning Opportunities Program
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Online Learning

17 Traip Academy students successfully completed online classes through the Virtual High School (VHS).

8 students are taking courses through Educere in order to complete courses needed for graduation. In years past, online courses have enabled students to enrich or supplement the course offerings Traip has.

2 Shapleigh students are successfully taking VHS classes. These students are taking advanced math classes that supplement the math offerings at Shapleigh. These middle school students should be able to continue their advanced math pathway when they matriculate in the high school.

2 students are taking AP courses through the University of Maine AP4ME program funded by the Maine Department of Education. 3 students are AP courses through the VHS platform.

Early College

This semester 9 students took 13 courses through the York County Community College (YCCC). All of these classes were taken online. The University of Maine system including the Community College System are offering more and more early college opportunities to high school students. These offerings are an exciting prospect to our families to reduce the cost of college as well as to increasing the confidence and aspirations of our students.

Internships

Due to the pandemic, placing students in work place internships has not been possible. Instead of placing students in a workplace, I am working with students to develop independent studies that have allowed them to get an understanding of that career pathway.

Grant Related Activities

Department of Defense Education Activities (DoDEA) Grant in all three schools. Focus is on supporting the transitions of military and non-military connected students by educating staff, students, and parents about the importance of social and emotional health. This fall the Shapleigh principal and assistant principal attended a leadership seminar and 4 support staff attended a one-day training. All middle school staff have now been trained in the Responsive Classroom program which is focused on social and emotional learning in the classroom. In May 2021, the grant funding needs to be completely spent. A second DoDEA grant application is being drafted.

MELMAC Grant

Traip Academy will administer the Gallup Student Poll through our continued partnership with the MELMAC Foundation. For several year the Gallup Student Poll has measured: student engagement, hope for the future, college and career readiness, entrepreneurial mindset. New for 2020, the Gallup Student Poll will also measure students social and emotional health, as well as online learning experience.

Traip Academy is looking for ways to partner with the Wood Island Life Saving Station Association and Lowell's Boat Shop during the 4th quarter. These two non-profits have applied for grant funding specifically to provide up to 16 Traip Academy students the opportunity to study the history of the surfmen and Wood Island Life Saving Station as well as to build two 19 foot dories that will replicate the dories used by the surfmen.