We reserved a field trip with the Abbe Museum and they did an excellent job. We were a group of 35 second graders and 35 third graders. The Abbe is coming up with programs for Maine students to comply with mandated curriculum... the program our kids received was excellent. Thank you Abbe, we will be back again next year with our students.

-TripAdvisor review
I am excited that [the Abbe Museum has] been partnered up with us this year in the district. You are an incredibly relevant voice and one that teachers need to listen to.

-Michael Fournier, Grades 5 and 6 Social Studies teacher, Conners Emerson School, Bar Harbor

Programs offered at the museum and in classrooms:
Layers of Time (archaeology)
Trade Economies
Cultural Differences
Storytelling
Basket Comparisons
Deconstructing Stereotypes
Customized programs to meet curriculum needs

On a national scale, museums are essential partners in education:

* Museums spend more than $2.2 billion a year on education, 3/4 of which is typically spent on K-12 students.

* Museums receive approximately 55 million visits each year from students in school groups.

* Each year, museums provide more than 18 million instructional hours for educational programs such as guided tours for students, staff visits to schools, school outreach through science vans and other traveling exhibits, and professional development for teachers (IMLS study).

* Museums tailor educational programs in math, science, art, literacy, language arts, history, civics and government, economics and financial literacy, geography, and social studies, often in coordination with state and local curriculum standards (IMLS study).

* At a time when elected leaders are trying to advance scientific literacy and compete globally in all sectors, museums are sparking the next generation of scientists, artists, political leaders, historians and entrepreneurs.

* Teachers, students, and researchers benefit from access to trustworthy information through online collections and exhibits, although most museums need more help in developing their digital collections to meet this need.

* Americans view museums as one of the most important resources for educating our children and as one of the most trustworthy sources of objective information. According to a study by Indiana University, museums are considered a more reliable source of historical information than books, teachers, or even personal accounts by grandparents or other relatives.
• Employs six full-time and twelve part-time people in our community, which equals $426,000 in payroll and benefits.
• Spends nearly $443,000 each year on goods and services in our community.
• Serves 30,000 visitors each year, including 80% from out-of-town.
• Serves more than 3,000 schoolchildren each year through school visits to museums.

Throughout the United States, museums are economic engines:

• Museums employ more than 400,000 Americans.
• Museums directly contribute $21 billion to the U.S. economy each year. They generate billions more through indirect spending by their visitors.
• 78% of all U.S. leisure travelers participate in cultural or heritage activities. These travelers—including visitors to museums—spend 63% more on average than other leisure travelers.
• The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis has found that arts and cultural production constitute 3.2 percent of the nation’s entire economy, a $504 billion industry.
• The nonprofit arts and culture industry annually generates over $135 billion in economic activity, supports more than 4.1 million full-time jobs and returns over $22 billion in local, state and federal tax revenues.
• Governments that support the arts see an average return on investment of over $7 in taxes for every $1 that the government appropriates.