The Breakwater Way

Mission, School Model, Teaching Model
Our Mission

Breakwater’s mission is to engage our students in an optimal learning experience that inspires them to live well on the planet, embrace their whole being, and realize their full potential. We accomplish this by continually reviewing and applying best educational practice while remaining true to our community’s values and spirit.
Breakwater School Model

This design builds community and supports positive relationships which in turn...provides safe harbor for learning, risk taking, and growth.

Community

Perseverance

Skills

“Messing about” Work

Play Practice

Work

Deep Knowledge Reflection

Play

Mastery

Curiosity

Content

Knowledge

Passion

Concepts

Self Confidence

Connection

Relationships

Play Discovery Introduction
General Traits of “Optimal Learning”

**Integrated:** Learning is better synthesized and internalized when concepts and themes are reinforced within an interdisciplinary framework.

**Challenging:** Students are challenged in a nurturing environment to move beyond their comfort zones to take risks, try new things and do their best work.

**Authentic:** Information is presented in a meaningful context, is relevant to students' interests, and has useful, real-world applications.
Breakwater Teaching Model
Challenging, Integrated & Authentic Learning

Capture Interest (Set the Hook)
Learning Objective (Define it)
Micro-Lesson (Give it)
Practice Collaboratively (Get it)
Demonstrate Understanding (Prove it)
Capture and Apply Knowledge (Share it)

Recognize and Optimize (See it)