

Maine Charter School Commission
Intent to Submit a Charter School Application

Proposed Charter School Name: Wayfinder Schools

Proposed School Location: Wayfinder Schools serves students from throughout Maine, with campus sites in Camden, New Gloucester & Machias.

Proposed Grade Levels: 9-12

School Program Design: Wayfinder Schools is an alternative high school serving at-risk youth and teen parents in Maine. Our mission is to offer students the experience necessary to discover their strengths, connect with their families, practice personal responsibility, contribute to their communities and earn a high school diploma. Our focus is student-centered and meets all fifteen effective dropout prevention strategies as identified by The National Dropout Prevention Network, including out-of-school and after school learning, service learning, mentoring, and school-community collaboration. Our approach is individualized, strengths-based and immediately relevant to our students' daily lives. Learning is experiential and project-based and we utilize Restorative Practices. Based on prior year outcomes, we anticipate a high degree of post-secondary educational attainment by our graduates, as well as a high degree of success in attaining post-graduation employment.

Target Population: At-risk youth and teen parents

Contact Person: Dr. Dorothy Foote

Relationship to Applicant Entity: Head of Schools

Name of Applicant Organization: Wayfinder Schools

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This indicates our intention to submit an application in response to the RFP issued by the Maine Charter School Commission. I understand that this document is not part of the application, but that I must provide this document to the Commission within 15 days of the issue of the RFP if I wish to submit an application.

Signature:  Date: 6/2/16

If different than Contact Person, please print name: _____