

Project Overview

In the 2023-24 school year, the BARR model was implemented in 71 schools across 14 counties in Maine. This presence means we served more than 28,000 students, impacted 2,355 teachers, and built relationships in 41 school districts. With the addition of these 71 schools, BARR Center has served a total of 114 schools in the state of Maine – 20% of the schools in the state.

Outcomes¹

Each BARR school in Maine set a goal to focus their BARR teams in one of three areas: 1) Academics, 2) Attendance, and 3) Behavior.

100% of the schools made progress in one of the three areas, and they may have made progress in an additional goal or even one different from one that they had set:

- 58% of Maine schools saw improvement in academics whether or not they set an academic goal
- 69% of Maine schools saw improvement in attendance whether or not they set an attendance goal
- 51% of Maine schools saw improvement in discipline/behavior whether or not they set a discipline/behavior goal

Many schools also provided comprehensive data to be included in their annual School Report that summarizes their implementation scores and individual school outcomes. Twenty-eight schools shared failure rate outcomes, 41 schools shared attendance rate outcomes, and 27 schools shared behavior outcomes.

From this **school-provided data**, several trends emerge among the 2023-24 BARR Maine Schools:

- A **33.5% average percent decrease** in failure rates
- 78% of schools **hit a 90% or above in attendance rate**
- A **54% average percent decrease** in the number of behavior referrals

Further, the **state ESSA Dashboard** provides additional insight into the performance of all 71 schools from SY2022-23 to SY2023-24. In this cohort,

- **87% of schools improved their chronic absenteeism rates.**
 - On average, these schools saw a **14.6% percent decrease** in chronic absenteeism rates
- **60% of schools improved graduation rates.**
- A **3% average percent growth in graduation rates** after one year of service.
 - Thrive schools (defined as 4+ years of BARR implementation) report a **4.5% average percent increase in graduation rates.**

¹ Percent Growth Formula = $\left(\frac{\text{New Value} - \text{Original Value}}{\text{Original Value}} \right) \times 100$

Figure 1. Schools by District

<p>AOS 90 Princeton Elementary</p> <p>AOS 94 Dexter Regional High School</p> <p>Biddeford Schools Biddeford High School Biddeford Intermediate School Biddeford Middle School</p> <p>Brunswick School Department Brunswick Junior High School</p> <p>Calais School Department Calais Elementary School Calais Middle/High School</p> <p>Charter Schools Acadia Academy Maine Academy of Natural Sciences</p> <p>Ellsworth School Department Ellsworth Elementary/Middle School</p> <p>Five Town Community School District Camden Hills Regional High School</p> <p>Gorham School District Great Falls Elementary Narragansett Elementary Village Elementary</p> <p>Islesboro Central School Islesboro Central School K-12</p>	<p>Kittery School District Traip Academy</p> <p>MSAD 06 Bonny Eagle Middle School</p> <p>MSAD 17 Oxford Hills High School Oxford Hills Middle School</p> <p>MSAD 35 Marshwood High School Marshwood Middle School</p> <p>MSAD 44 Telstar Middle School</p> <p>MSAD 49 Lawrence Junior High School</p> <p>MSAD 52 Leavitt Area High School Tripp Middle School</p> <p>MSAD 55 Sacopee Valley High School Sacopee Valley Middle School</p> <p>MSAD 59 Madison High School</p> <p>MSAD 60 Noble Middle School</p> <p>MSAD 61 Lake Region High School</p>	<p>MSAD 70 Mill Pond School</p> <p>MSAD 75 Mt. Ararat Middle School</p> <p>RSU 04 Oak Hill Middle School Oak Hill High School</p> <p>RSU 09 Academy Hill School Cape Cod Hill Elementary Cascade Brook Elementary G.D. Cushing School Mt. Blue High School Mt. Blue Middle School W.G. Mallett Elementary</p> <p>RSU 10 Mountain Valley High Mountain Valley Middle</p> <p>RSU 13 Oceanside Middle School</p> <p>RSU 14 Windham High School</p> <p>RSU 16 Bruce M. Whittier Middle Elm Street School Minot Consolidated School Poland Regional High School</p> <p>RSU 24 Charles M. Sumner Learning Campus</p>	<p>RSU 34 JA Leonard Middle School</p> <p>RSU 38 Maranacook Community High Maranacook Community Middle</p> <p>RSU 39 Caribou Community School</p> <p>RSU 56 Dirigo High School</p> <p>RSU 58 Day Mountain Regional Middle Kingfield Elementary Mount Abram Regional High Phillips Elementary</p> <p>RSU 64 Central High School</p> <p>RSU 78 Rangeley Lakes Regional School</p> <p>RSU 83 Moscow Elementary Upper Kennebec Middle/High</p> <p>Sanford School Department Sanford High School</p> <p>Westbrook School Department Canal Elementary Congin Elementary Saccarappa Elementary Westbrook High School Westbrook Middle School</p>
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Figure 2. School Stories in Media

<p>Building relationships and stronger schools: BARR's impact across Maine</p> <p>Raising the BARR on Education in Maine: What Hold us Together</p> <p>Calais Elementary School Strengthens Relationships Through BARR</p> <p>Mt. Blue High School Eases the Ninth Grade Transition with BARR</p> <p>Maine Department of Educator Highlights Mt. Blue High School Success</p> <p>Noble Middle School Build Stronger Relationships Through BARR</p> <p>Mt. Blue Raises the BARR</p>	<p>Maine Department Podcast Highlights Calais Schools Implementing BARR to Strengthen Relationships and Student Engagement</p> <p>How the BARR Method Helps Build Strong Relationships for Academic Success</p> <p>Maine Expands Building Assets Reducing Risks (BARR) Model to 30 Additional Schools</p> <p>National Governors Association Launches Project to Support Five States to Bolster Mental Health and Well-Being in Schools</p>
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