

Name: Bucksport Middle School's Applied Learning Lab
School/District Name: Bucksport Middle School/ RSU #25
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Overview:

The Bucksport Middle School Applied Learning Lab is a collection of student-designed and built multi-use work spaces (greenhouse, aquaponics facility, makerspace, kitchen) where students and teachers imagine, theorize, create, and explore their core content curriculum through hands-on learning projects. This space will provide opportunities for students and teachers to investigate learning outside traditional classroom walls, exploring ideas generated by students, connecting to community challenges, and making learning relevant and fun for both students and teachers. This project is a gateway to enhancing current educational programming and expanding opportunities for experiential learning for all students while also enriching learning experiences for fringe learners, those who need acceleration or remediation. Not only will these spaces be used for interdisciplinary, exploratory, experiential learning in the core academic content areas but they will also be used as a place for teachers and students to build community, enhance a sense of pride and ownership for their school community and their learning, and to advance and teach necessary social and life skills. This project expands middle-level educational opportunities for students to explore and develop new and existing interests while building social, emotional, academic, and personal skills across the curriculum and within the community

The specific project goals are to:

1. Expand experiential and hands-on learning to increase student and teacher engagement in learning.
2. Foster student voice and agency in healthy and beneficial ways.
3. Create educational connections across the curriculum and within the community
4. Create an educational space where students and teachers find joy in learning together.
5. Support student social/emotional skill development and teacher social/emotional wellness

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