

## Kaler Elementary School

Our students develop socially, emotionally, and academically in a collaborative, safe community.

### Kaler School celebrates the passions, achievement, and diversity of our students.

This year, our students explored their school and community.

Civil Rights Team  
Leadership Team  
Critter Care Club  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentors  
Composting Team  
Learning Buddies

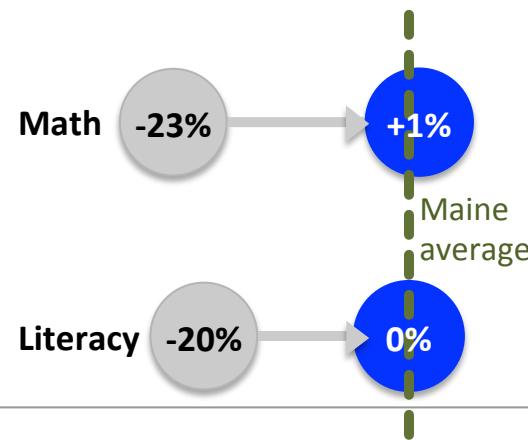
They designed their own solutions to improve attendance, safety, and recycling.

1,000+ works of art created

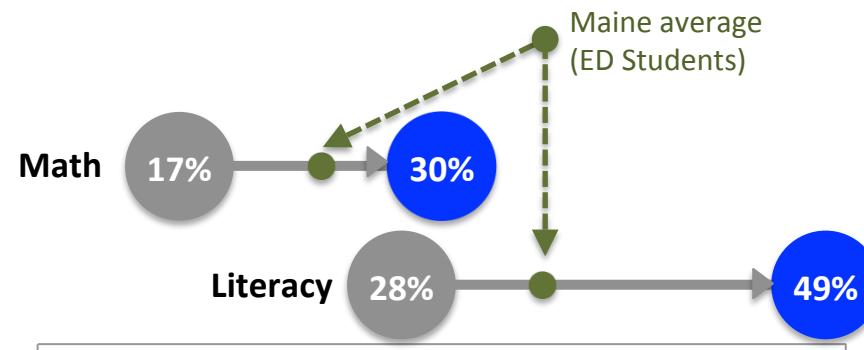
by students and shared on Artsonia.

Our student-staff team placed 2nd at Maine's Farm to School cook-off.

Between 2014 and 2018, we closed the gap between the percentage of students who meet state expectations across the state and within Kaler School.



Achievement soared among Kaler students who are economically disadvantaged (ED). More Kaler students who are ED met state expectations on the MEA in 2018 than in 2016, far outperforming the state average for ED students.



Kaler students love coming to school. Since 2016, we cut the number of students at risk because of chronic absences in half.

96.7%  
Average Daily Attendance

Compared to last year, we serve more of our youngest learners.

Twice the pre-K seats

Chào mừng bạn  
સ્વાગતથી  
خوش آمدید  
желанный  
Bem vinda  
أهلا بك  
Welcome  
ស្វាគមន៍  
Bienvenido

Our students speak 10 different native languages.

Kaler staff and families partner to support students.

**5,698** Family views of Student Work on SeeSaw. Kaler's community posted feedback on student work 7,500 times.



7 families led learning about cultures from **around the world** during Multicultural Night.

Parents now participate in **ALL** of our student support meetings ("25 Minute Meetings"), working alongside staff to identify the best supports for students.

**\$883** *raised*  
*on average*

at each of the Kaler **PTA fundraising events** to support Greening Day, Field Day, enrichment activities, and Staff Appreciation.

Kaler staff collaborate to ensure student success.

**1,600**

*Positive Behaviors Recognized*

through our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports system. We teach, model, and recognize safe, respectful, and responsible behaviors.

Staff exchanged strategies, analyzed student work, and planned interventions during

**1,365**

*Minutes in K-5 Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)*

Our guidance counselor provided **weekly social-emotional instruction to ALL** classes.

**1,344**

*Hours of Targeted Intervention*

in math and literacy mean more students are achieving at grade level.

Ed Techs collaborate and learn during **monthly Ed Tech PLCs**.

Kaler School partners with community organizations to support the whole child.



The **Good Shepard Food Bank**, the **Locker Project**, and the **South Portland Food Cupboard** help us provide food to **70** families each week.



Our on-site **Sweetser** social worker services **37** students.



**Community members** outfitted **22** students with winter clothing.



The **Maine Masons** provided **8** bicycles for the **Books For Bikes Program**



**77** students received holiday presents donated by the **Portland Press Herald**, the **South Portland Police Department**, and **Maine Medical Center**.



**2 Foster Grandparent** and **Big Brother Big Sisters** support students.



Students composted **10 tons** of material this year through **Garden to Garbage**.



**Learning Works 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club** and **AfterSchool Adventures** accelerate learning for **61** students through on-site enrichment programs beyond the school day.