

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

GSA offers a number of unique educational opportunities that stretch beyond the traditional classroom. Alternative Courses and online courses can be taken when they offer something not available in the GSA curriculum. **Some limitations apply, and students should speak with their advisor, Mrs. Rosemeier, Ms. Rinehart, or Mr. Stearns to explore if and how these opportunities could supplement their learning at GSA.**

Eastern Maine Skippers Program	The Skippers program teaches students about the fishing and related marine industries in coastal Maine. Students take the Skippers course itself but are also involved in field trips and co-operative learning programs with other schools. They also take related courses at GSA such as Marine Science, Personal Finance, and Maine Writers. Students may take the Skippers course itself up to four times.
Co-operative Education	Semester- or year-long internships in community organizations and businesses
Alternative Courses	The chance for students to design their own independent study through an Alternative Course Contract
AP4ALL	Online AP courses taught by high school teachers throughout the state
College Courses	GSA students can take college courses while at GSA, some through GSA connections with programs like Rural-U at the University of Maine Fort Kent and some through their own initiative at the University of Maine or elsewhere.
HCTC	Juniors and seniors can take courses part-time (afternoons or mornings) at the Hancock County Technical Center while continuing academic courses at GSA.
ISIP	Most juniors and seniors undertake a two-week independent study or internship in February each year.
Online courses	When appropriate, GSA supports students who take online courses through programs such as BYU.