

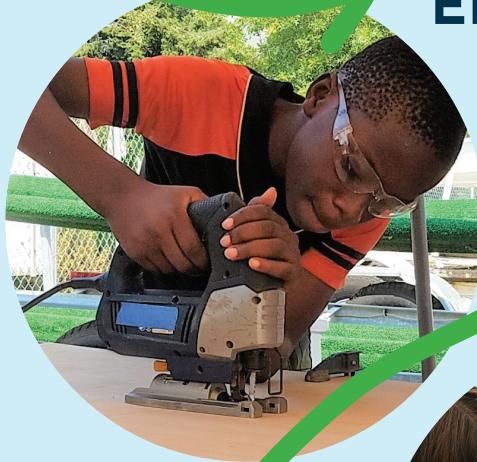


Wind & Oar Boat School engages young people and inspires learning through the art, science, and craft of building wooden boats.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

FOSTERS ENGAGEMENT

Crafting something with their own hands sparks **curiosity and confidence**; students see their strengths and are motivated to dig deeper.



IMPROVES ATTENDANCE

Student-centered, experiential learning brings kids to school. In one particular 8th grade Wind & Oar math class, daily **attendance increased to 80%**, compared to the general school attendance rate of 57%.

THE WIND & OAR DIFFERENCE

Integrated learning based on real-world challenges, where students apply classroom concepts to hands-on problem solving.

A model of guided discovery that centers student voice and reflection—building confidence, curiosity, and critical thinking.

Collaborative partnerships with public schools and community-based organizations make experiential education accessible to students.

Inclusive, relationship-based programs (30-150 hours) in which low student-to-teacher ratios foster belonging and teamwork.

Proven impact demonstrated by higher attendance, deeper engagement, and a sense of purpose as students discover who they are and what they can achieve.



IMPACT THAT GOES BEYOND THE BOAT

With more than a decade of collaboration, Wind & Oar has built lasting partnerships, expanded opportunities for experiential learning, and helped thousands of young people discover what they're capable of—and we're just getting started.

3,000+ youth ages 9-22 have found purpose in learning and strengthened real-world skills essential for lifelong success.

100+ programs with 24 schools and 12 community partners. Together, we've broadened access to meaningful learning experiences that re-engage students and strengthen community connections.

6:1 average student-teacher ratio, ensuring inclusive, individualized instruction and genuine relationships.

Research shows that **project-based learning boosts engagement and knowledge retention up to 30%.**

Source: Buck Institute for Education, "A Review of Research on Project-Based Learning," 2000.



"Wind and Oar gave me the space to do something great. They allowed me to not just learn by instruction but learn from hands-on experience and teamwork."

Annabelle, POIC+Rosemary Anderson H.S.



"I've learned a lot from this boat building experience. I know that if you work together as a team, things get done. One of my favorite activities, we would break out into groups and talk about different learning abilities, what's failure, what's a strength. Then we compare it to boat building. We've learned a lot in different ways." — Lashay, Roosevelt High School graduate

PROGRAMS THAT TRANSFORM

Wind & Oar's programs engage students of all backgrounds and are adapted for in-school, out-of-school, and summer learning settings. Many of our program partnerships span a decade or more, reflecting measurable student growth and lasting trust.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

- **6-9 month interdisciplinary courses** integrating math, science, history, and environmental studies.
- **25-40 students per cohort** earn credits through immersive, project-based learning.
- **Students build career-connected skills** that blend craftsmanship with academics.
- **5-7 instructors per session** provide close mentorship and individualized support.



At Alliance High School, students constructed a solar-electric, 18' Point Comfort Deadrise Skiff, earning up to 2.5 credits. On launch day, students were very proud of their boat, each taking a turn at the helm on the Willamette River.

Students at Metropolitan Learning Center built a Bevin's Skiff sailboat while reading Rosanne Parry's *Turn of the Tide* and exploring Oregon's rivers and geography.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 5-8)

- **30-60 hours of hands-on learning** bring classroom subjects to life.
- **15-75 students per program** work in three areas—class subjects, STEAM activities, and boat building.
- **Place-based learning** turns rivers, forests, and neighborhoods into classrooms.
- **Growing thinkers and makers**—students build transferable skills and see themselves as capable contributors to their community.

SUMMER INTENSIVES

- **5 two-week camps** in partnership with community-based organizations.
- **Mornings in the shop and along the river** blend boatbuilding and place-based learning.
- **Afternoons sailing on the water** in partnership with the Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation.
- **10 students per session** build teamwork, confidence, and stewardship through hands-on discovery.



"I truly wish everyone gets to experience a program like Wind & Oar because of the confidence they gave me to do great things. Things I truly thought impossible."

Summer camp boat builder



IT'S BIGGER THAN THE BOAT INSPIRE CONFIDENCE, CONNECTION, AND CURIOSITY IN EVERY STUDENT

Many schools can no longer afford the kind of rich, hands-on experiences that inspire life-long learning.

Wind & Oar Fills the Gap

We bring high-quality, culturally responsive, hands-on learning to classrooms and communities where it's needed most. Our programs help students see themselves as capable learners, creators, and future leaders.

Why Your Support Matters

The demand for Wind & Oar's programs continues to grow, but resources remain limited. Your gift ensures every student has access to these transformative experiences—regardless of background or school funding.

What Your Support Does:

- ✓ Expands access to under-resourced schools and community partners.
- ✓ Keeps programs tuition-free for all students.
- ✓ Hires and retains expert instructors and mentors.
- ✓ Offers paid student internships and real-world career exposure.
- ✓ Sustains multi-disciplinary, high-impact learning year-round.

"They gave me a box of tools, helped me along the way, and we built a boat. I built a boat. That's more than incredible."

POIC+Rosemary Anderson H.S Student

Your generosity changes students' lives by building more than a boat—it builds possibilities.

WAYS TO ENGAGE

Consider making a one-time or monthly gift that goes directly to programming.

Sponsor a boat for a high school project or summer camp—you keep the boat.

Create a Donor Advised Fund or donate your RMD (talk to your financial advisor).

Organize a corporate give-back campaign or matching gift program with your business or employer.

Contact us for volunteer and in-kind donation opportunities.



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