

Park for Every Classroom



A FREE workshop for K-12 teachers of all disciplines in Essex County.

[APPLY NOW!](#)

Workshop dates: July 20 - July 24, 2026

Application deadline: June 5

Visit sites such as: Salem Maritime National Historical Park, Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site, Groundwork Lawrence, Maritime Gloucester, Cape Ann Museum, Crane Estate and more!

Why PEC?

*Get inspired to make your curriculum more engaging by utilizing community resources such as: public lands, natural resource sites, museums, and non-profits.

*See how immersive experiences in place-based education develop critical thinking skills and civic agency in our students.

What will I do at the week-long workshop?

*Collaborate with other educators as you discover cross-disciplinary educational opportunities and learn from experts at organizations within Essex County.

*Develop strategies to incorporate place-based civically engaged education into your teaching practice.

What do I earn for participating?

*Professional Development Points (PDPs) – PDPs will be awarded to participants who attend the week long workshop but do not wish to implement a project.

*3 Graduate Credits (\$375) and Mini Grants (amount TBD) – Discounted graduate credits from Salem State University and mini grants will be awarded to participants who attend the week long workshop and complete a project with students during the 26-27 school year.

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Essex Heritage is proud to offer [Park for Every Classroom](#) (PEC), an award winning professional development program in partnership with the National Park Service based on the model of Place-Based Civic Engagement.

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