

## OCM BOCES Fish Hatching Program

The OCM BOCES Fish Hatching program helps students learn about aquatic ecosystems and life cycles of either brook trout or Atlantic salmon. Students in classrooms as young as third grade hatch, care for, and study the life cycles and habitats of Atlantic salmon or brook trout. Classrooms are supplied with all of the materials needed to successfully hatch and care for the fish.

Following hatching, students help care for and eventually release the fish back into streams in New York State.

The program is aligned with the New York State Science Learning Standards, specifically Life Science: Growth and Development of Organisms and Life Science: Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems.

The OCM BOCES Science Center provides participating schools with the equipment, fish eggs, supportive activities, assistance and materials.

- The equipment is delivered in November.
- The Atlantic salmon eggs are delivered to the school in January.
- The fry are released in April or May.
- The schools are also provided with support through the Science Center staff and through a dedicated website.
- The students from all of the participating schools will release the fry in appropriate streams. We have the permits.
- After the release, the students can visit the Salmon River Fish Hatchery (located in Altmar).
- If the salmon eggs do not hatch, we will try again with Steelhead eggs.



### Cost

**Initial Startup:** \$550  
Annual Replenishment: \$150

### Contact Us

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