

## POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

In accordance with state law, the RSU #23 School Department School Board has established requirements to permit a student to enroll in post-secondary courses taken before high school graduation.

### Eligible Institutions

Students may take courses at eligible post-secondary institutions within Maine, which include the University of Maine System, the Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

### Student Eligibility Requirements

A student may take no more than one course per semester and two courses per academic year.

A student must meet the following criteria prior to enrolling in a post-secondary course:

- A. Have a minimum of a “B” [or 3.0] average in his/her courses overall;
- B. Meet the course admission standards of the eligible institution;
- C. Provide evidence of parent/guardian approval for taking the course; and
- D. Obtain approval from the principal and guidance counselor.

### Exceptions to Eligibility Requirements

A student enrolled in grade 11 or 12 who does not meet the “B” [or 3.0] average in his/her courses overall is eligible to take a post-secondary course provided that he/she:

- A. Has been assessed and received a recommendation to take the course from the school administration; and
- B. Has been approved for participant in the course by the eligible institution.

### Awarding of Credits

- A. The course must meet for a minimum of one semester or its equivalent.
- B. The student must earn a passing grade and the grade will not be used in class ranking calculations.
- C. High school graduation credits awarded may not exceed one-half credit for each

three-credit semester course.

**Financial Assistance**

- A. The Maine Department of Education shall pay applicable tuition costs for any student enrolled in a course under this policy if the eligible institution requires tuition payment.
- B. The student and his/her parent/guardian are responsible for paying for all textbooks, course fees and transportation costs.

**School Unit Reporting Requirements**

The Superintendent shall ensure that information concerning post-secondary enrollment options is made available to parents and students.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 4771 et seq.

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