

RSU 63

- a. NEPN/NSBA Code:** **JEB**
- b. Title:** **Entrance Age for Students**
- c. Author:**
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- h. Responsible for Review:** **Superintendent & Policy Committee**
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08/09/2016 Policy Committee
- j. References:** **20-A M.R.S.A. § 5201, 5202, 7001**
Policies: AA, JFBC
- k. Narrative:**

- I.** Eligibility to enroll: A student meeting the minimum age requirements of Section 5202, subsection 2; or Section 7001, subsection 2, paragraph A; and who has not reached 20 years of age before the start of school year, may enroll as a full-time, or with the consent of the Board of Directors, as a part-time student, in the public school system where the student resides as defined in Section 5202. In RSU 63, this means the Pre-k through 8th grade schools in the school district and any high school of choice under the district's Free Choice status as defined in RSU 63 policies AA and JFBC.
- II.** The school year, for the purpose of this policy, is defined as starting July 1 and ending the following June 30.
- III.** Minimum Ages, as defined in the referenced Sections under 20-A M.R.S.A, above:
 - A.** A person who will be at least 5 years old on October 15th of the school year may enroll in school.
 - B.** A person who will be at least 4 years old on October 15th of the school year, may enroll in a two-year childhood education program prior to grade one if that program is offered. RSU 63 offered Pre-k and Kindergarten programs.
- IV.** Exceptions under 20-A M.R.S.A. § 5202. Subsection 3:
 - A.** War veterans who have not completed high school before their 18th birthday may enroll in the public schools in the school administrative unit where they reside until they graduate or until the end of the school year in which they reach the age of 25,
 - B.** A student who has enrolled in a public kindergarten or grade one in another state may enroll in kindergarten or grade one, as the case may be, in the school administrative unit where the parent or guardian becomes residents.
 - C.** A student who was enrolled in kindergarten in this state under paragraph B above, may enroll in grade one upon satisfactory completion of kindergarten.
 - D.** A person who was enrolled in a public kindergarten in another state and was promoted to grade one may enroll in grade one in the school administrative unit where the parent or guardian become a resident.

- E. The eligibility for a child with a disability is governed by 20-A M.R.S.A. § 57001, subsection 1-A.
- F. A person who obtains a waiver from the commissioner pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. § 5206 may enroll as a public secondary school student.