

**RSU #63**

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- j. **References:** 20-A MRSA § 5102, 5103

**k. Narrative:**

**I.** Definitions: As used in this policy, unless the context otherwise indicates, a “dropout” means any person who has withdrawn for any reason except death, or has been expelled from school before graduation or completion of a program of studies and who has not enrolled in another educational institution or program.

**II.** Dropout Prevention:

The RSU #63 Board of Directors (the Board) believes the best success for students residing within the district lies within a quality education, which begins at Pre-K and continues through completion of high school. To achieve that objective, the Board urges every teacher, guidance counselor, principal, parent, and citizen within the district to keep and encourage all students to stay in school and complete their education.

**III.** The Superintendent, with Board approval, will annually establish a Dropout Prevention Committee within RSU #63 as defined by 20-A MRSA § 5103 for the purpose of:

- A. Considering any reasons why students within the district are dropping out of school;
- B. Maintaining continuing contact with any students who have dropped out of school in order to extend opportunities for alternative education programs, counseling, and referral;
- C. Educating of teachers and administrators about any dropout problem;
- D. Using human services programs to help any dropouts;
- E. Reviewing RSU #63’s policies on suspension, expulsion, and other disciplinary action; and

**F.** Eliminating discriminatory practices and attitudes within RSU #63.

Existing Student Assistance Teams may be utilized to assist the RSU #63 Dropout Prevention Committee.

**IV.** Annual Report: The Dropout Prevention Committee will meet at least annually to review its plan and to make recommendations to the Board.

**V.** In the event that students do withdraw from school, administrators will arrange for regular contacts to be made with them for the purpose of informing them of the process of re-admission, making them aware of the alternatives in the community for continuing their education, and stating RSU #63's willingness to assist them in their educational efforts.