

RSU 63

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Narrative:

- I.** RSU 63 will offer a basic instructional program designed to support the Guiding Principles of Maine's system of Learning Results and will provide pre-kindergarten through grade 8 students with equitable opportunities to access and demonstrate achievement of the content standards of Maine's system of Learning Results.
- II.** The school system will provide programs and instructional approaches that support the variety of learning styles of its students. Through the basic instructional program, the school system will strive to provide for a wide range of individual differences in student abilities and interests. Students who have difficulty meeting the standards will be provided opportunities to obtain additional support or instruction.
- III.** The Board of Directors (the Board) believes that through the basic instructional program, students should develop a body of basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will lead to a successful adult life and informed participation in our democratic society. The educational program should provide students with opportunities to develop the intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and appreciation for the arts that are important to life-long learning, and the social and citizenship skills that are needed for work and community life.
- IV.** The instructional program will be developed with the objective of maintaining a balanced, integrated, and sequentially articulated curriculum. Priority should be given to learning that serves as a foundation for further educational development in language arts, mathematics, science and technology, social studies, visual and performing arts, world language, health and physical education, and career education.

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- V. The basic instructional program will meet the requirements established by Maine law and Department of Education regulations. The instructional program will be implemented through a written curriculum aligned with the system of Learning Results and designed to provide uniformity of content within and across grade levels.