

RSU #63

- a. NEPN/NSBA Code:** **IHBA**
- b. Title:** **Special Education Policy & Purpose**
- c. Author:** **Director of Special Services**
- d. Replaces Policy:**
- e. Date Approved:** **04/24/2017 RSU #63**
- f. Previously Approved:** **10/06/2003**
- g. Policy Expiration:** **Review as Needed**
- h. Responsible for Review:** **Director of Special Services & Policy Committee**
- i. Date Reviewed:** **04/06/2017 Superintendent & Director of Special Services**
- j. References:** **04/06/2017 Policy Committee**
20-A MRSA Chapter 301, 7001, 303, 7201
Maine Sp. Ed. Reg. Ch. 101. I.D.E.A.
- k. Narrative:**

- I.** It is the intention of the RSU 63 Board of Directors (the Board) that the district will comply with and implement the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A.) and Title 20-A MRSA Chapters 301, 7001, 303, and 7201 as supplemented by Chapter 101 of the Maine Special Education Regulations. To that end, RSU 63 will provide a free, appropriate, public education to all students with disabilities for whom the district has legal responsibility who:
 - A.** have reached the age of 5 years on or before October 15 of the current school year.
 - B.** have not graduated from secondary school or reached 20 years of age before the start of the current school year (July 1).
 - C.** have a disability as defined by the Maine Special Education Regulations that adversely affects their educational performance.
 - D.** requires the provision of special education services and, if needed, supportive services in order that the student may benefit from an elementary or secondary educational program.
- II.** It should be noted that a free, appropriate, public education will be provided in the least restrictive educational alternative as determined by the student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) and set forth in his or her IEP, all in accordance with the Maine Special Education Regulations.