

RSU #63

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- j. **References:** 20-A MRSA §§ 4729; 5001-A; 5051-A; 5104-A
- k. **Narrative:**

The RSU #63 Board of Directors (the Board) recognize there are students with the potential to complete their secondary education who have difficulty completing the conventional school program. Some students require more support and direct supervision than is reasonably available in conventional school settings, while others require a highly structured academic experience and a special focus on life skills and/or vocational education, if needed.

- I. The Board will provide alternative education programs when there is an identified need, when establishment of such programs is feasible, and when such programs fall within the function normally associated with the public schools.
- II. Alternative educational programs will seek to provide appropriate academic, social, and vocational experiences to assist students to re-enter the regular secondary program, move into another educational setting, or prepare them for successful employment.