

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options

This policy establishes the requirements for student enrollment in post-secondary courses taken before high school graduation.

Eligible Institutions

Students may take courses at eligible post-secondary institutions within Maine, which include the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

Student Eligibility Requirements

A student may take no more than 12 credit hours at eligible institutions per academic year. A student must meet the following criteria prior to enrolling in a post-secondary course:

- A. Have a minimum of a B average [or 3.0] in all courses, unless the eligible institution has waived the minimum grade/grade point requirement;
- B. Meet the course admission standards/prerequisites of the eligible institution;
- C. Provide evidence of parent/guardian approval for taking the course;
- D. Receive a recommendation to take a postsecondary course or courses from the school administration or one of the student's secondary school teachers following an assessment of the student by the administration.
- E. A student enrolled in grade 11 or 12 who does not have a B average [or 3.0] in all courses is eligible to take a post-secondary course provided that student:
 1. Has been assessed and received a recommendation to take the course from the school administration or from a secondary school teacher; and
 2. Has been approved for participation in the course by an eligible institution.

Awarding of Credits

State law currently provides that an eligible institution will grant full college credit to any student who successfully completes a course.

High school graduation credit for a course taken under this policy will be awarded as determined by the Superintendent in consultation with the High School Principal.

Financial Assistance

The Maine Department of Education will reimburse the eligible institution the cost of any in-state tuition costs (up to the limits of legislative appropriation) for any student enrolled in a course under this policy if the eligible institution requires tuition payment.

The student and the student's parent/guardian are responsible for paying for all textbooks, fees and transportation costs. If the student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, RSU 40 will pay the cost of text books and fees.

School Unit Reporting Requirements

The Superintendent will make parents and students aware of post-secondary enrollment options through handbooks or other appropriate means.

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S. §4771 et seq.

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This is a required policy.

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