

RSU 63

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- b. Title:** Secondary School Tuition
- c. Author:** Superintendent/Policy Committee
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- h. Responsible for Review:** Superintendent & Policy Committee
- i. Date Reviewed:** 04/10/2023 Superintendent
04/10/2023 Policy Committee
- j. References:** 20-A M.R.S.A. § 5805, 5806, 5809, 5814
20-A M.R.S.A. § 5205
- k. Narrative:**

RSU #63 (the District) secondary students (Grades 9-12) may apply to any Maine Department of Education (MEDOE) approved high school at public expense.

- I.** Proof of guardianship and proof of residency in Clifton, Eddington, or Holden is required for the District to pay tuition to the approved high school.
- II.** A military-connected student whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to the State while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order is considered a resident of the school administrative unit in which the address identified by the parent is located.
 - A.** The District will accept applications by electronic means for enrollment of a military connected student.
 - B.** The parent of a military-connected student will provide proof of residence in the school administrative unit within 10 days after the arrival date provided on the parent's official military order.
 - C.** A military parent may identify any of the following as an address in the State for the purpose of this subsection:
 - i. A temporary lodging facility on a military installation;
 - ii. A purchased or leased house or apartment; or
 - iii. Federal Government or public-private venture military housing.
- III.** In consideration for providing secondary education instruction, the District will pay the secondary student tuition as set forth by the MEDOE as per 20-A M.R.S.A. § 5805 subsections 1, 2, and 4; 5806 subsections 1, 2, and 3; and 5809. The District does not pay any additional tuition, costs, fees, room and board, etc. for any students.
- IV.** Regular school-day round-trip transportation will be provided by the District to its secondary school students attending area high schools on a case-by-case basis.
Note: Currently the District transports to Bangor High School, Brewer High School, John Bapst Memorial High School, and Hampden Academy.

- V. The RSU #63 Board of Directors (the Board) reserves the right to make changes regarding transportation of secondary school students.
- VI. After 30 consecutive days unexcused absent from school, RSU 63 students will be declared unenrolled and tuition payment will no longer be made to the receiving high school. If the student returns to the same high school, tuition payment will resume. If the student transfers to another Maine Department of Education approved high school, tuition payment will be made to that receiving high school.