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SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY AND PURPOSES

MSAD #54 shall comply with and implement Title 20-A, Chapters 301 and 303 of the Maine Revised Statutes, which entitles all school-age students with disabilities to an equal educational opportunity / free appropriate public education. This objective is to be implemented by school administrative units and private schools approved for the provision of special education and supportive services through implementation of the policies and procedures required in this rule.

No student with a disability may be excluded from the benefits of a free appropriate public education in the schools of Maine. MSAD #54 shall provide a free appropriate public education to each student regardless of the nature or severity of the student's disability.

MSAD #54 shall provide a free appropriate public education to all students with disabilities for whom the unit has legal responsibility who:

- A. Have reached age 5 years on or before October 15th 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 any disability as defined by the Maine Special Education Regulations that adversely affects their educational performance;
- D. Require the provision of regular and/or special education services and, if needed, supportive services in order that the student may benefit from an elementary or secondary educational program.

Note: A free appropriate public education shall be provided in the least restrictive educational alternative as determined by the student's PET and set forth in his/her IEP, all in accordance with the Maine Special Education Regulations.

Reference: Title 20-A MRSA Chapters 301 and 303
Maine Special Education Regulations, Chapter 101, Sections 1.1, 1.2, 3.1