

State of Maine  
Department of Education

Gifted and Talented Educational Program  
Application for One-Year Waiver  
2018-19

Gifted and Talented Educational Program Waiver Applications are to be submitted electronically to GT.DOE@maine.gov by **September 30, 2018**.

**School administrative unit name:** RSU #7

**Name and title of person responsible for gifted and talented program:**  
**Robert F. England Superintendent**  
**Kenneth Spinney Principal**

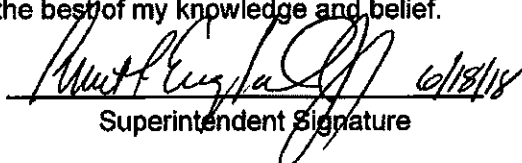
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**CERTIFICATION:**

The statements made herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Robert F England Jr.  
Superintendent Name (printed)

  
Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE:

**Check Reason(s) for Waiver Request:**

- Financial Hardship  
 Partial Program Waiver Request  
 Other  
 Full Program Waiver Request

**Please completely describe the basis for the SAU's one-year waiver request and further describe how the SAU is meeting the needs of the gifted and talented population in your district (Use as much space as necessary):**

North Haven Community School enrollment for 2018-19 is projected to be about 58 students. High School may have 13 students in total. We have class sizes ranging from 3 to 7 in each grade level. We have a teacher to student ratio of 14.5 to 58. Due to these ratios we are able to provide very personal and focused learning opportunities for each child.

We work hard to meet the needs of each child in their perceived (parent or child) or data (NWEA, Aims Web, etc.) to determine the level of instructional need. A student that is able to

perform well developmentally in any content area, we accelerate or blend with students of similar ability. This means that students that maybe identified as gifted in any content area ( ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science, FL, or the Arts) are provided with learning opportunities that push their own personal learning. These opportunities include cross grade-level content integration or online exploratories. Although, we do not have a formal GT program, we are in essences providing experiences within our small school that support GT students.

We also offer k-5 computer programming, 3d printing k-12 and extended course programming to students beyond 6th grade in architecture, graphics, etc. We have a strong drama, music, and chorus program with a lot of community involvement and productions performed at the town theater. In addition, we have a writing / poetry recital annually where all children practice their public speaking. Each of these activities start as early as kindergarten and become the norm for students as they progress through school.

As students progress through the grades of MS and HS, they begin to do Knowledge Fairs with public presentation. A student in their senior year must present to a panel of community, school board, administration and teaching staff a four-year portofolio, where they demonstrate and defend their learning in order to demonstrate proficiency and ready to graduate.

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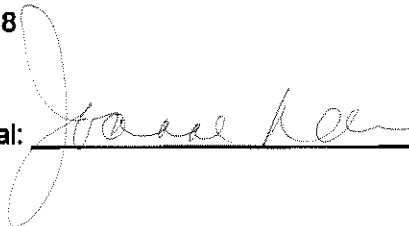
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**DUE DATE: September 30, 2018**

Maine DOE Approval:



Date of Approval: 6/20/18