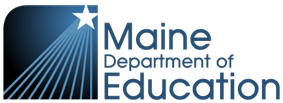
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**Special Education Program Approval for Regional Programs**

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|  | | **Criteria** | **Reference** | **Evidence** | | **Approval**  **Status** | **Required Features** | | |
| 1  1a | | Two or more SAUs provide regional special education programs and support services  The general program approval criteria (listed under **Evidence**) | 20-A MRSA § 7253  20-A MRSA § 7253(2)(A)  20-A MRSA § 7253 (3)(C)  20-A MRSA § 7253 (3)(A)  20-A MRSA § 7204 (4)(D)  20-A MRSA § 7253 (3)(D)  20-A MRSA § 7204(4)    20-A MRSA § 7253 (3)(E) | Current, signed cooperative **Agreement** that identifies:   * Participating SAUs * SAU operating as the fiscal agent * Terms of entering/withdrawal * Program objectives/functions * Location of program and owner of building(s) used by program * Program administration including identification of employer(s) of all program staff   **Agreement or Plan** addresses:   * Admission requirements * Staff qualification/certification * Plan of instruction * Adequacy of facilities * Adequacy of support services * Professional supervision * Teacher-student ratio * Parent/community participation | | Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No  Yes No |  | | |
| 2 | | Fiscal requirements | 20-A MRSA § 7253(3)(F)  20-A MRSA § 7204(4)(D)  20-A MRSA § 7253 (3)(B)  20-A MRSA § 7253(2)(C) | **Agreement** **or Plan** identifies the fiscal agent’s specific roles, which include responsibility for adequacy of facilities and complying with all components of the basic public school approval process, unless the agreement designates another SAU in the agreement as responsible for school approval, and informs Maine DOE of that different designation.  **Agreement or Plan** identifies method of fiscal operation and cost sharing  ***No school construction is permitted for the regional special education program purposes.*** | | Yes No  Yes No  Yes No |  | | |
| 3 | | Admission requirements | 20-A MRSA § 7204(4)(A) | **Plan** describes protocol for admitting students into program through a determination of student needs for specialized instruction/supportive services | | Yes  No | Procedure manual that outlines admissions protocol and process for determining individualized student needs for programming | | |
| 4 | | Staff qualification or certification; teacher- student ratio | 20-A MRSA § 7204(4)(B)  20-A MRSA § 7204(4)(G)  MUSER X,XI, and XVIII | **Plan** lists all special education staff with last 4 digits of social security numbers, position held, applicable certification/licensure held, and number of students served at one time | | Yes No | Certification of School Personnel form  ***[form provided]*** | | |
| 5 | | Plan of instruction | 20-A MRSA § 7204(4)(C)  20-A MRSA § 7253 (3)(A)  20-A MRSA § 6209  20-A MRSA § 5021-A (2) (A-E)  MU  SER IX.3.A.(1)(b)(i) | **Plan** includes:   * Copy of the written curriculum aligned with the revised Maine *Learning Results* * Description of assessment * Description of access to extracurricular activities | | Yes No  Yes No  Yes No | Plan is consistent with objectives and functions of the program outlined in the Agreement  Plan identifies the member SAU’s curriculum and assessment practices that are used  Plan describes how students will have access to extracurricular activities | | |
| 6 | | Adequacy of supportive services | 20-A MRSA § 7204(4)(E)  MUSER IX.3.A.1(d) | **Plan** includes an account of related service (including transportation) hours determined by student needs | | Yes No | Completed related services grid  ***[form provided]*** | | |
| 7 | Professional supervision | | 20-A MRSA § 7204(4)(F) | **Plan** includes a statement of assurance that program administrators are on site | Yes No | | | Plan describes how staff supervision is provided throughout the defined school day and during extracurricular activities |
| 8 | Funding (including tuition rates, if tuition is used) | | 20-A MRSA § 7302  MUSER XVIII(2)  20-A MRSA § 7253(4) | **Plan** includes :   * Statement of assurance that, If tuition is used, the tuition rate shall not exceed the actual per student cost incurred in operation of the special education program * Statement of assurance that the regional program is supported by funds included in the special education appropriations of each of the member SAUs | Yes No  Yes No | | |  |