

EUT POLICY ON STUDENT ADMISSION – RESIDENT

School Privileges in the Unorganized Territories

Subject to such reasonable rules as the commissioner may adopt, all persons who have attained the age of 5 years on October 15th and have not reached 20 years of age before the start of the school year, and who reside with a parent in the unorganized territory, or who are resident emancipated minors or residents at least 18 years old, are eligible to attend elementary and secondary schools and to receive appropriate special education and related services without charge to themselves or their parents. Education must be provided in alignment with the system of learning results as established in section 6209 under the direction of the commissioner and must meet the general standards for elementary and secondary schooling and special education established pursuant to the Title.

Legal Reference: 20-A Education; Chapter 119; Subchapter 2 §3251

Unorganized Territories Request for Alternative Placement Policy & Process

The Unorganized Territories Education Division operates 3 Elementary Schools for resident students of the Unorganized Territories within and around its boundaries. The schools are the Connor Consolidated School in Connor TWP, Edmunds Consolidated School in Edmunds TWP, and the Kingman Elementary School in Kingman. All other Pre-K to 8 grade students residing in other Unorganized Territories statewide, are to be enrolled in the school/district assigned to by the Director of State Schools in the UT.

Enrollment in the indicated schools is mandatory unless the following Alternative Placement Request process is followed and approved by the Unorganized Territories Director of Education. This request must be repeated each school year. Alternative Placement approval provides for tuition & Special Education cost reimbursement to the attending school district. This process does not allow for transportation costs. Student transportation becomes the full responsibility of the parent(s).

In Special Education Service situations where the student IEP may require that student transportation be provided, the EUT is not statutorily authorized to contract or provide reimbursement for transportation with the parent(s). In the event that the Director does not approve the request for Alternative Placement, all appeals must be made in writing to the State of Maine Department of Education, Commissioner of Education.

Process

- The Parent/Guardian request must be submitted in writing accompanied by an Alternative Placement Request Form to the Director of state schools in the UT..
- The completed form must be accompanied by a copy of a proof of residency document and/or guardianship record (property tax bill, utility bill or landlord's statement if not the landowner, court document)
- Director's review and decision of request
- Request is approved or denied and a copy of the form with the decision indicated is mailed to the parents(s)/guardian(s). If the request is approved an additional copy will be provided to the Superintendent of the school district where student enrollment was requested.
- All documents regarding the request are scanned to a named electronic file

Reference to State of Maine Statute: Title 20-A: EDUCATION
Part 2: SCHOOL ORGANIZATION Chapter 119: UNORGANIZED TERRITORY
Subchapter 2: SCHOOL PRIVILEGES

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