

Educational Choice Options in Maine

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¹ The public school has an obligation to provide special education services only in the event that the student elects to participate in activities at the school, and only to the extent that those services are necessary, due to the student's disability, to enable the student to participate in those activities.

² Under some circumstances, approved private school students may receive Special Education services from local school districts, pursuant to state law and state and federal special education rules and regulations.

³ Under some circumstances, Recognized for Attendance Purposes (RAPPS) private school students may receive Special Education services from local public school districts, pursuant to state law and state and federal special education rules and regulations.

⁴ Under some circumstances, NEASC-accredited* private school students may receive Special Education services from local school districts, pursuant to state law and state and federal special education rules and regulations.

⁵ In some cases, public school sponsored and arranged Alternative Education Programs permit independent study at home or in the community. A minor child participating in such a course of study that does not physically take place in a school building will require supervision. In these cases, an adult (usually the parent) must be available to supervise the child. This will necessitate the parent either giving up paid employment, working from home, or hiring an individual to supervise if the supervision is not provided by the school.

⁶ Virtual online charter schools deliver most of their instruction online and require and depend on an unpaid adult "learning coach" (usually the parent or guardian) to supervise the child's schoolwork fulltime, submit daily attendance reports, assure that the child is logging in for the required amount of time and completing the required work, etc. This will necessitate the parent either giving up paid employment, working from home, or hiring an individual to supervise the child.

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