

SEDGWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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REINTEGRATION OF INCARCERATED STUDENTS

1. Maine law requires the establishment of a reintegration team to assist a student entering a public school from a juvenile correctional facility. The School Committee recognizes the need for advance planning and appropriate confidentiality in these circumstances.
2. Confidentiality: The Superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring that confidentiality training is provided to all who have access to criminal justice information
3. Notification: The Superintendent shall convene a notification team within ten days of receiving notice of an alleged or adjudicated juvenile offense. The notification team is to determine on the basis of need which school employees are entitled to receive this information.
4. Acceptance: The Superintendent shall be responsible for determining whether a student will be accepted or denied access to school based on compliance with the juvenile's rehabilitation plan as it affects reintegration. Access may be denied until the Superintendent is satisfied that conditions have been met.
5. Integration: The Superintendent shall comply with reintegration standards established statute.
 - A. Within ten days of receiving information from the Department of Corrections concerning the release of the juvenile offender, the Superintendent shall direct the Principal to establish and convene a meeting of a reintegration team to review information received from the Department of Corrections, evaluate the student's individual educational needs, and determine what additional information may be relevant.
 - B. The reintegration team shall include at a minimum the Principal/designee at least one classroom teacher to which the student will be assigned, the Director of Special Services, the student's parent/guardian/custodian, and a guidance counselor. The student's juvenile correctional officer or other representative from the Department of Corrections will be invited to attend.
 - C. The reintegration team will determine, on the basis of need, which school employees should have access to information that would otherwise be considered confidential. The nature and extent of information provided

should be limited to that needed to implement the student's reintegration plan and ensure the health and safety of the student, the safety of the school's students and staff, and the integrity of school property.

- E. Before the student enters school, at least one additional meeting of the reintegration team should be held to develop an individualized plan for the student's reintegration based on the student's educational needs and the options available within the school system. This meeting should include the student as well as the members of the reintegration team. The reintegration plan will address the student's educational program, participation in activities (including co-curricular and extracurricular activities), and access to school facilities (including transportation).

Reference: 20-A M.R.S.A. §§ 254(12), 1055(12), 2902(10), 4502(5)(O), 6001-B(1), 6001-B(2),
6001-B(3-A)
15 M.R.S.A. § 3009