

**§8232. Intent; funding**

The school is established as a public school located in the Town of Searsport and the following provisions apply. [PL 2019, c. 655, §1 (AMD).]

**1. Curriculum.** The school shall provide a curriculum designed to exceed existing state educational standards in the content areas of the system of learning results established in section 6209. [PL 2015, c. 363, §4 (NEW).]

**2. Tuition; funding.** A student from this State may attend the school free of tuition charges. Additional funding for students from this State may be provided within amounts appropriated for that purpose as follows.

A. State funding for the school must be provided using the method established for public charter schools that are authorized by the commission in accordance with the funding provisions established in section 2413-A and section 15683-B. To be eligible for state funding under this paragraph, a student must have resided in Maine with a parent, other relative or guardian for at least 6 months immediately preceding application to the school. [PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §13 (AMD).]

B. [PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §13 (RP).]  
[PL 2019, c. 655, §2 (AMD).]

**3. Out-of-state tuition.** Students from other states and countries and students pursuing a postgraduate high school year of education may attend the school on a space-available basis by paying the cost of tuition, fees and room and board as established by the board of trustees. [PL 2015, c. 363, §4 (NEW).]

**4. Scholarship fund.** The school must demonstrate its ability to raise private funds to support a scholarship fund. Based on this ability, the Legislature may provide General Fund appropriations to the scholarship fund. Funds available in the scholarship fund may not be used to offset, reduce or eliminate the appropriation of state funds described in subsection 2. The existence of the scholarship fund may not reduce or eliminate the State's funding obligations described in subsection 2. [PL 2015, c. 363, §4 (NEW).]

**5. Educational enhancement fund.** The school may raise private funds to support an educational enhancement fund to enrich the educational experience of students enrolled at the school. The Legislature may provide General Fund appropriations to the educational enhancement fund. Funds available in the educational enhancement fund may not be used to offset, reduce or eliminate the appropriation of state funds described in subsection 2. The existence of the educational enhancement fund may not reduce or eliminate the State's funding obligations described in subsection 2. [PL 2015, c. 363, §4 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2015, c. 363, §4 (NEW). PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §13 (AMD). PL 2019, c. 655, §§1, 2 (AMD).

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