



RSU 29

Preparing Learners for a Changing World



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Dear Citizen,

It is our hope that the information contained within this report will help to acquaint you with Regional School Unit 29 including our beliefs, our successes, and our direction for the future. We strongly believe that the future depends upon the success of our youth as well-educated, articulate, creative, and caring citizens. The success of our students has been, is, and must continue to be our primary focus. With the support of our parents and our member communities, we are truly able to live our mission of preparing learners for success in a changing world. We value the involvement and support of our member communities in achieving our goals of challenging and engaging each student by providing quality educational programs and support services in a safe, nurturing, and student-centered environment

Our students demonstrate leadership and compassion, as well as high academic achievement. They inspire service and foster social awareness, excel in fine arts, performing and athletics, and give back to our communities through local, regional, and national service projects. We pledge to continue our focus of high quality programming throughout our district.

Please feel free to call any of our schools or the central office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ellen Schneider
Ellen H. Schneider
Superintendent

Fred Grant
Fred Grant
Chairperson



Our District at a Glance

Total number of certified teachers at each level of professional preparation

BA Degree	80	72.07%
Masters	31	27.93%
TOTAL	111	

**Our Teaching Experience
(Number of Years at RSU 29)**

1 to 3	34	33.01%
4 to 10	30	29.13%
11 to 15	18	17.48%
16 or more	21	20.39%
TOTAL	103	

Total Number of Classified Full Time Employees

Administrators	10	4.25%
Bus Drivers/Custodians	26	11.04%
Clerical	10.5	4.46%
Food Services	15	6.37%
Guidance Counselors	3	1.27%
Paraprofessionals/Monitors/Aids	55	23.35%
Other Services	3	1.27%
Teachers	103	43.74%
Teachers, Adult Education	8	3.40%
School Nurses	2	0.85%
Total District	235.5	

Our students will be empowered with the academic, personal, and social knowledge and skills needed to build fulfilling and engaged lives.

RSU Mission Statement

The mission of RSU 29 is to prepare all students to be college and career ready by attaining proficiency in core academic content through engagement in rigorous, student-centered learning in a safe and technology rich environment.

RSU 29 Vision

Our vision is for students to come to school every day expecting to be challenged, no matter their ability level or background. When they graduate, they will leave us well prepared to choose a college or career path that is right for them. They will leave us knowing that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit or defining of character than giving all to a difficult task.



ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Community & Elementary School Partnerships

- Children's Stage Adventures
- 100 Days of School Celebrations
- Read Across America
- Spring Fling
- Ski for Life
- Mother/Son Field Day
- Father/Daughter Dance
- Parent/Grandparent Volunteers
- Community Service Days
- Volunteer Tea
- Kindergarten Read & Learn Festival
- Open House
- Parent/Teacher Organizations
- Field Trips
- "Spud"tacular Day
- Youth Savings Program
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Junior Achievement
- Family Movie Night
- Concerts

Houlton Elementary School
60 South Street
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Houlton Elementary

PRE-K TO SECOND GRADE

Elementary School Activities

- Differentiated Literacy and Math instruction
- Technology classes
- Vocal music classes
- 5th grade band
- 21st Century After School Program (grades 3-5)
- Team Building Program
- Intramurals (grades 3-5)
- Robotics (grades 3-5)
- Student Council/Civil Rights (grades 3-5)
- IXL Mathematics
- Moby Max for Enrichment

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

- All students need to take responsibility for their own learning, with support from parents, community, and school staff.
- All students are capable of learning and deserve an atmosphere that accepts and values their differences.
- All students need to be lifelong learners, problem-solvers, and risk takers.
- All students need to communicate effectively.
- All students need to become responsible, respectful members of their community.
- All students will strive to achieve common district standards.

Houlton Southside Elementary

THIRD GRADE TO FIFTH GRADE

Houlton Southside School
65 South Street
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Houlton Middle and High School

SIXTH GRADE TO TWELFTH GRADE



Community/ School Partnerships

Middle School

- Change for Change
- Explorer Classes
- Field Trips
- Guest Speakers
- Open House
- Parent Conferences

High School

- American Red Cross Shelter
- Aroostook Mentoring Program
- Booster Clubs
- Career Fair
- Community/School Projects
- Field Trips
- Guest Speakers
- Job Shadowing
- Mentorship Program
- Music Boosters
- Project Graduation
- Tutoring & Mentoring Program
- Vocational Partnerships
- Athletic Boosters Club
- Community Service



Middle School EXPLORE Program

Middle School students have the opportunity to participate in the EXPLORE program. They change exploratories every 6 weeks. The offerings include: PhysEd, Health, Art, consumer science, tech, iMovie, Lego, creative writing, robotics, stem, coding/programming, college/ career exploratory, hurricane towers, life skills, study skills, financial fitness, guidance: leadership skills, community business/career exploration.



High School Electives

High school students have the opportunity to participate in many electives to explore different interests and develop their skills.

Activities and Athletics

Middle School Activities

- Aroostook Teen Leadership Camp
- Chess Club
- Chorus and Band
- Civil Rights Team
- Class Spirit Week
- Destination Imagination
- Geography Bee
- Jazz Band
- Outdoor Education Adventure
- Peer Tutor Program
- Spelling Bee
- Student Council

Athletics

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis

High School Activities

- Band
- Chess Team
- Chorus
- Civil Rights Team
- French Trip
- International Travel Program
- Intramurals
- Jazz Band
- Model State Legislature
- Skills USA
- Spanish Trip

Athletics

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Skiing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track and Field



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Houlton Higher Education Center
 18 Military Street
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The RSU29 Adult Education program offers programming to meet the needs of the adult population of Southern Aroostook County, preparing them for lifelong learning, responsible citizenship, and productive employment.

Courses are offered in 5 major categories:

1. **HiSET (formerly GED) & High School Completion courses** help people complete their high school education.
2. **Literacy courses** give people the guidance, support, and training necessary to improve their literacy skills and the literacy skills of their family.
3. **College Transitions courses** assist people of all ages wishing to make the transition into college-level courses. College courses are available at the Houlton Higher Education Center.
4. **Business & Skills Training courses** help prepare Maine citizens by providing the training and education to find employment and improve your current job status in health care and other in-demand careers.
5. **Personal Enrichment courses** include courses in skills such as personal computing, cake decorating, woodworking, and quilting.



Region Two School of Applied Technology was established in 1973 to provide Career and Technical Education in the area served by (5) high schools: East Grand, Hodgdon, Houlton, Katahdin, and Southern Aroostook Community School.

Our goal is to provide each student with a technical skill that can be the beginning of a successful career. Region Two values education and promotes furthering their training by attending post-secondary education, military, apprenticeships, and immediate career occupations, necessary for work in today's workforce.

We offer dual college/articulation credits through most all of our programs. Enrollment and programming have grown in the past three years. Staff at Region Two are trained professionals who are dedicated to meeting students' educational goals for career preparedness.

2015-2016 Programs

- Auto Collision
- Auto Technology
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Electrical Trades
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Forest Management
- Health Science
- Law Enforcement
- Welding



Region II
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Did You Know?

Our Food Services Department runs one of the largest restaurants in Aroostook County serving over 176,000 lunches and 50,000 breakfasts yearly. RSU 29 also provides a summer feeding program to area communities serving over 17,000 meals.

Student Performance Standardized Test Results

Standardized tests are used in RSU29 as a way of comparing the actual achievement of our students to their anticipated achievement. Standardized tests also are used as a means of comparing our students' achievement with other students through the State of Maine. The Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) is the assessment utilized for grades 3-8 and 11. Standardized tests are only one of many, formal and informal, measures used to gain further understanding of our students' learning.

Our Numbers

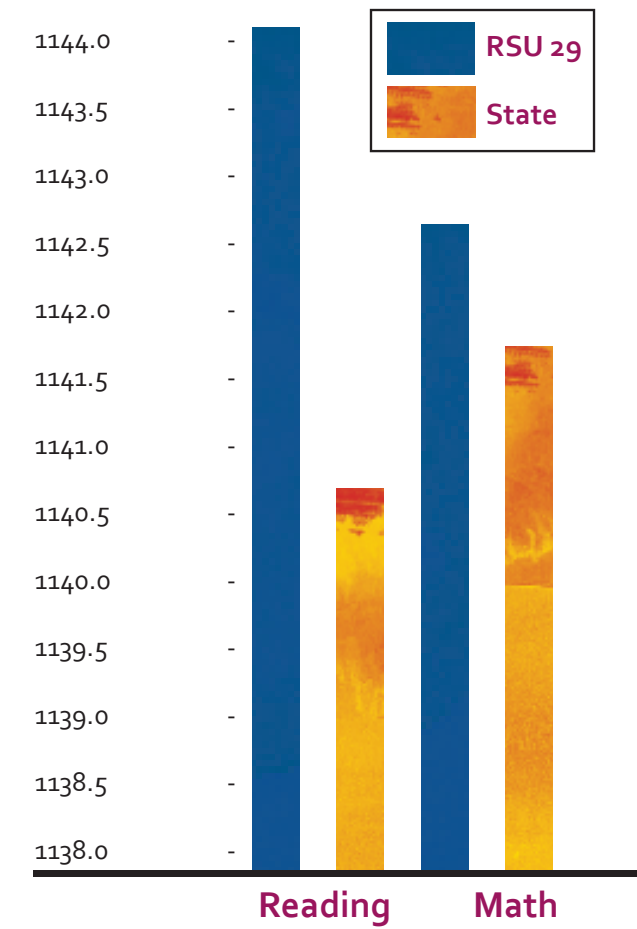
RSU 29 Performance Indicators

	RSU 29	State Average
High School Completion	89.5	86.5
Average Daily Attendance	88.2	94.5
Annual Drop Out Rate	1.7	2.7
Per Pupil Expenditures	\$9,136	\$12,056
System Administration	2.68	2.95

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Houlton Elementary	93	125	101	98				417
Houlton Southside					109	92	88	289
Total Elementary	93	125	101	98	109	92	88	706
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Houlton Middle	102	103	89					294
Houlton High				101	93	76	82	352
Houlton Middle/High School Total	102	103	89	101	93	76	82	646

Maine High School Assessment (SAT) 2014



Our 2015 Graduates

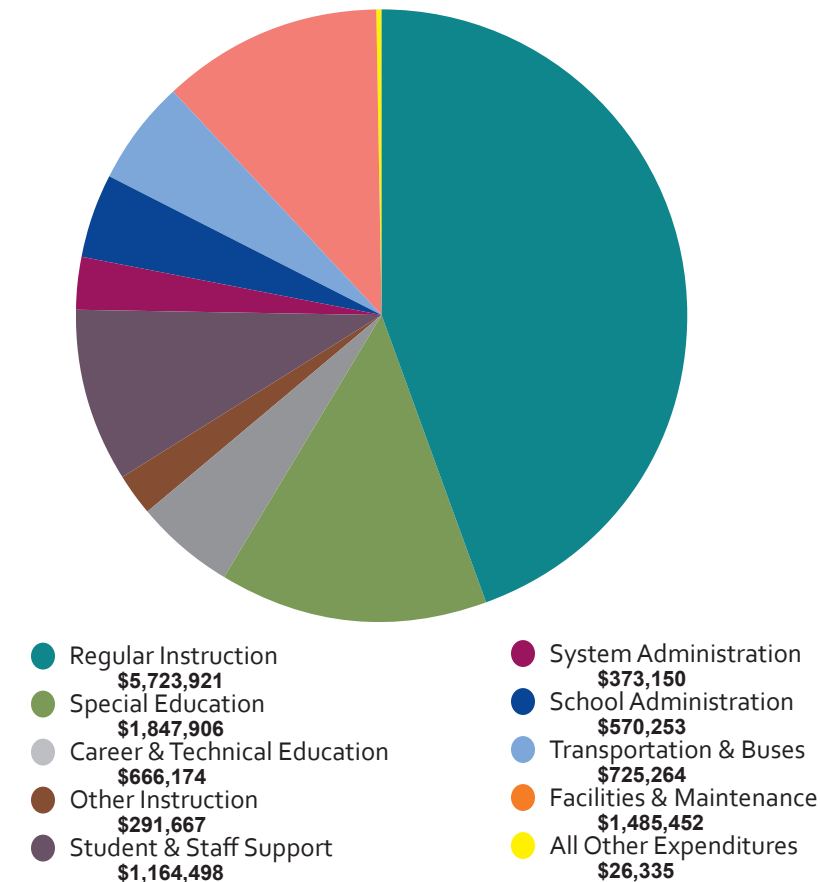
Four Year Colleges	57%
Two Year Colleges	16%
Certificate Program 18+ Months	1%
Armed Forces	8%
Work Force	18%

Seventy graduates from Houlton High School received approximately \$125,000 in scholarships. With the education they received in RSU29, they can compete successfully at any college or university for which they are accepted. Over 70% of the class of 2015 plan to continue their education in post secondary programs and training.

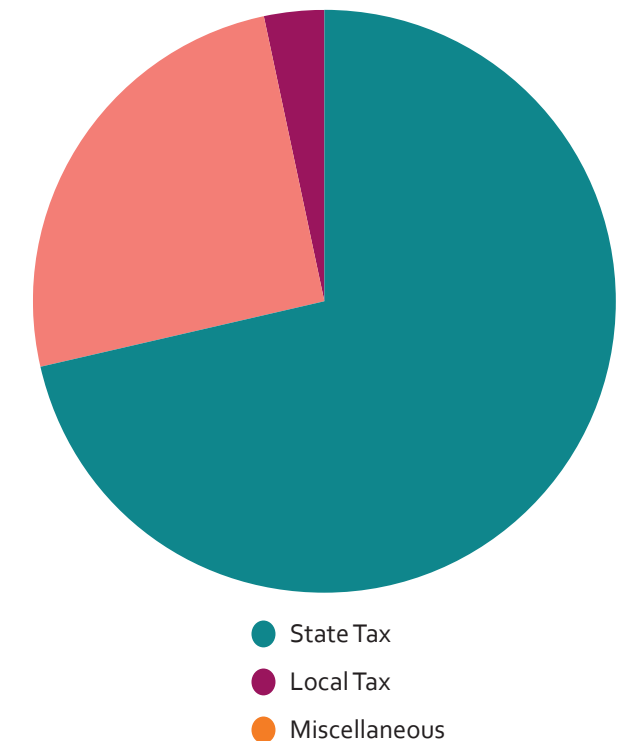
Did You Know?

RSU 29 custodians maintain over 240,484 square feet of building space.

Where Our Money Goes



General Fund Budget



Did You Know?

RSU 29 buses transport more than 1,300 students over 250,000 miles.

RSU 29 employs a workforce of over 230 full and part time employees.