



# Regional School Unit #34

## Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

### Special Education Department

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**Special Education Enrollment as of 2/12/2021:** 358/1465 **24%** of total enrollment

**Schools Attending:** Old Town Elementary, Viola Rand School, Alton Elementary, Leonard Middle School, Old Town High, Orono Middle School, Orono High School, Brewer Community School, Brewer Alternative Program, Bangor Regional Program, Stillwater Academy and Easter Seals, NH

Tuition Students: 37

Referrals: 19

### February Activity:

IEP/504 meetings: 58

### State Reports:

EF-S 04A/B

2021-2022 Budget Preparation

### Professional Development/Updates/Links:

The Special Education Office covers a variety of programs which include Special Education Services, **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act**, English Language Learners (ELL), Health Services and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. If you have any questions on these programs, please feel free to reach out to me. I am providing information on Section 504 for informational purposes.

Section 504-

*Who is Eligible Under Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act?*

*Both Section 504 and the ADA protect "qualified individuals with a disability" from discrimination on the basis of disability. Therefore, to be covered under these laws, a student must be an "individual with a disability" and must be "qualified." The requirement in Section 504 that the individual be "qualified" is straightforward for elementary and secondary students (as well as for preschool and adult education students) in that the student must be "of an age during which (nondisabled) persons" receive educational services, attend school under mandatory state laws, or who receive special education under IDEA. Thus, school-age are automatically "qualified" within the meaning of law, meaning that the focus of whether they are entitled to 504 services is based on whether the student has a "disability" as defined by 504 and ADA.*

RSU #34 Currently has approximately 118 students who require accommodations under Section 504.