

## **CHILD FIND FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION ELIGIBILITY**

In accordance with the State of Maine special education regulations each sending school unit has the responsibility for identifying, locating and evaluating all students within its jurisdiction who are in need of special education and supportive services including students with disabilities attending private schools and home schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. This child find responsibility shall be accomplished through a unit-wide process which, while not a definitive or final judgment of a student's capabilities or disability, is a possible indicator of special education needs.

Each sending administrative unit shall ensure that all resident and other eligible students, including students who are enrolled in private schools or home schools, highly mobile students (migrant or homeless), students incarcerated in county jails and who are expected of being a student with a disability and in need of special education, even though they are advancing from grade to grade, are identified, located and evaluated.

All students enrolled in the public schools of the unit or educated at public expense of the sending unit shall be identified, located and evaluated. A unit which tuitions (on a tuition or contract basis) some or all of its students is responsible for child find either through appropriate arrangements with the receiving unit or school or through direct child find services by unit personnel or contracted personnel.

Erskine Academy assists sending units' Child Find obligations by screening all records of incoming students to gain knowledge of the needs of all enrolled students. Although this screening is informative and thorough, it is not intended to replace the sending school unit's child find procedures.

## **ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE**

This program is designed to provide tutorial services for students having difficulty with their schoolwork. Students may be referred to this program by classroom teachers, parents and/or students themselves. Additionally, assistance is provided for students who qualify for 504 services. The student's progress is monitored by the academic assistance staff in conjunction with the classroom teachers.

## **JOBS FOR MAINE GRADUATES**

JMG is an independent, statewide 501c3, private, nonprofit corporation established in 1993 by the Maine Legislature. At the time, JMG was given a mandate to provide Maine students with a comprehensive dropout prevention and school-to-work transition system. Throughout the past 17 years, JMG has evolved into a progressive organization that helps young people achieve their full potential. In partnership with schools and employers, the mission of JMG is to identify students who face barriers to education and to guide each one on to a successful path towards continued education, a meaningful career and productive adulthood. JMG's vision is to be a champion for all Maine Students who face barriers to education.