

**§4512. Implementation**

**1. Accreditation optional.** Any approved school may, through its school board, apply for accreditation.

[PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. A, §§ 20, 25 (NEW).]

**2. Implementation.** The commissioner shall determine which schools and school units meet the requirements of accreditation, in accordance with adopted rules and this Title.

[PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. A, §§ 20, 25 (NEW).]

**3. Comprehensive reviews.** The commissioner shall, on a one-year to 5-year cycle, make a comprehensive review of each accredited school to determine whether the school is continuing to meet the accreditation standards.

[PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. A, §§ 20, 25 (NEW).]

**4. Rules.** Accreditation rules shall be adopted in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375.

[PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. A, §§ 20, 25 (NEW).]

**5. Accreditation process.** All school administrative units operating a secondary school shall undergo the state accreditation process on a 5-year cycle as established by the commissioner starting in the 1989-90 school year. Upon request from a secondary school, the commissioner shall have the authority to grant a waiver from the accreditation process. The commissioner shall grant a waiver on the basis of extenuating circumstances as defined by rule.

[PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §67 (AMD).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1983, c. 859, §§A20,A25 (NEW). PL 1985, c. 142, §1 (AMD). PL 1987, c. 395, §A67 (AMD).

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