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**COLOGNE ACADEMY**  
**MANUAL OF SCHOOL POLICIES APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

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**POLICY 216 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER STATUS**

**I. PURPOSE**

According to Minnesota's Nonprofit and Charter School Statutes, board members have a fiduciary duty to be knowledgeable of the laws that affect the governance of the charter school.

The Charter School Statute outlines three (3) basic courses that an individual is required to take as a new board member.

A newly elected board member who has been elected or appointed to fill a vacancy for the final term is required to take the three legally required basic board governance courses within twelve months of the date s/he was seated on the board. Such a member must take at least one of the three courses within the first six (6) months of their term.

A newly elected board member who has been elected to the board after a break in service on the board of more than two years shall meet the definition of a new board member that is required to take the three legally required basic board governance courses in accordance with the provisions of the law.

A newly elected board member who has been elected to the board after a break in service on the board of less than two years shall present their education/training plan (which may include taking a basic course(s) as refresher courses) for the first year of the new term to the board chair for review and approval within 60 days of taking office.