



## 607 ORGANIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL GROUPINGS

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to address the educational groupings of students within the school district.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. It is the policy of the school district to address the educational groupings as follows:

- Early ~~Childhood Education~~: **Learning**; ~~Mandated and optional p~~ Programming for birth to age 5
- Elementary: Kindergarten through Grade 5
- Secondary: Grades 6 through 12+ (plus indicates programming beyond grade twelve).
- Middle School: Grades 6 through 8
- High School: Grades 9 through 12

B. The Superintendent/designee may seek School Board approval to administer certain programs on a non-graded basis or a design different from that indicated. Program proposals that seek School Board approval must meet all state requirements and reflect the rationale for the modification.

C. The school district may request documentation that verifies a student falls within the school's minimum and maximum age requirements for admission to publicly funded prekindergarten, preschool, kindergarten, or grades 1 through 12. Documentation may include a passport, a hospital birth record or physician's certificate, a baptismal or religious certificate, an adoption record, health records, immunization records, immigration records, previously verified school records, early childhood screening records, Minnesota Immunization Information Connection records, or an affidavit from a parent.

### III. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Kindergarten" means a program designed for students five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year commences that prepares students to enter first grade the following school year.
- B. "Prekindergarten" means a program designed for students younger than five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which they school year commences that prepares students to enter kindergarten the following school year.
- C. "**EC Birth**-12+" defines the educational groups that South Washington County Schools

## Updated Legal References

serve, it encompasses birth through programming beyond grade twelve.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 120A.05, Subds. 9, 11, 13, 17 (~~Public Schools~~) (**Definitions**)  
**Minn. Stat. § 120A.20, Subd. 4 (Admission to Public School)**  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 2 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)

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