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607 ORGANIZATION OF GRADE LEVELS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to address the grade level organization of schools within the school district.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The policy of the school district is to address the groupings of grade levels as recognized in Minnesota Statutes section 120A.05, as follows:

Elementary: Grades Pre-Kindergarten through 5

Middle School: Grades 6 through 8

High School: Grades 9 through 12

- B. The superintendent 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 certifies 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. “Pre-kindergarten” means a program designed for students younger than five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year commences that prepares students to enter kindergarten the following year.

Legal References: MINN. STAT. § 120A.05, Subds. 9, 10a, 11, 13, 17 (Definitions - Public Schools)
MINN. STAT. § 120A.20, Subd. 4 (Verification of Age for Admission to Public Schools)
MINN. STAT. § 123B.02, Subd. 2 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)

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