# 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. It is the policy of the school district to address the groupings of grade levels as recognized in Minn. Stat. § 120A.05, as follows:

***Elementary:*** ***Grades prekindergarten through 6***

***Secondary:*** ***(Grades 7 through 12)***

B. The superintendent may seek school board approval to administer certain programs on a nongraded 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.

## 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 the school year commences that prepares students to enter kindergarten the following school year.

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

***Cross References:***