



Section/File:	607
Title:	Organization of Grade Levels
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I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to address the grade level organization of schools within **St. Louis Park Public Schools** ~~the school district~~.

II. General Statement of Policy

- A. It is the policy of **St. Louis Park Public Schools** ~~the school district~~ to address the groupings of grade levels as recognized in Minn. Stat. § 120A.05, as follows:

Elementary School: Kindergarten through Grade 5

Secondary School:

- *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 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.

- C. **St. Louis Park Public Schools** ~~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 the school year commences that prepares students to enter kindergarten the following school year.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 120A.05, Subds. 9, 10a, 11, 13, 17 (Definitions)

Minn. Stat. § 120A.20, Subd. 4 (Admission to Public School)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 2 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)