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MSBA/MASA Model Policy 607

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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 Minn. Stat. § 120A.05, as follows:

~~[Note: Each school district should identify within the groupings as defined in Minn. Stat. § 120A.05, how grade levels shall be organized within the school district from the options listed below:~~

~~Elementary: Grades prekindergarten through 6 5~~

~~Middle: Minimum of two consecutive grades above 4th but below 10th~~

~~Secondary: (Grades 7 6 through 12)~~

~~Junior High Middle Grades 6 through 8~~

~~Senior High Grades 9 through 12~~

~~Vocational Grades 7 6 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

**B A.** "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.

**A B.** "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.

**C.** **"First grade" means a program designed for students six years of age on or before September 1 of the calendar year in the school year for which admission to first grade is sought. The School Board recommends that children attend kindergarten one year before**

**entering the first grade.**

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 120A.05, Subds. 9, 10a, 11, 13, 17 (Public Schools)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 2 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)

**~~Cross-References:~~**

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