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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. 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 5

Middle: Grades 6 through 8

Senior High 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.

### **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:***

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