

MORRIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY #623

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#623 MANDATORY SUMMER SCHOOL INSTRUCTION

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish school district program parameters and student attendance guidelines and requirements relating to summer school educational services.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Summer school educational services and instructions, when offered by the school district, shall be directed toward the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the educational program and graduation standards of the school district.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. When summer school instruction is offered by the school district, it shall provide opportunities for:
 - 1. Remedial instruction at the K-12 level(s);
 - 2. Make-up and review courses at the 7-12 level(s);
 - 3. Special education instruction and services related to summer school instruction consistent with applicable state and federal authority for all qualified disabled children where appropriate to their educational needs;
 - 4. Reading intervention programs or instruction for students who are at risk of not learning to read before the end of second grade; and
 - 5. Other summer school programs as determined by the school district.
- B. All services of the summer school program will be free to residents of the school district whose need for a summer program has been identified by teachers or the school principal and who are required to attend pursuant to established school district criteria and the provisions of this policy.
- C. Summer school curriculum will be established in line with the needs of students and in accordance with rules of the Minnesota Department of Education. Remedial, make-up and review courses which are offered shall provide opportunities for students to qualify for promotion and/or credit in areas and subjects where previous work has not met promotion/credit standards. Summer school curriculum shall further be designed to assist students who have not passed one or more basic requirements tests and who are in need of remediation services relating to the school district's graduation standards or who have been identified as at risk of not learning to read before the end of second grade.
- D. Summer school provides the opportunity for students to improve basic skills, further their academic progress, and/or accelerate in designated academic areas. It is the intent of the school district to ensure that courses taught during a summer session are of the same level of instructional breadth and difficulty as provided during the regular school year.

IV. MANDATORY SUMMER SCHOOL INSTRUCTION

The School Board will direct the administration to identify and develop specific criteria and standards for determining if individual students are mandated to receive summer school instruction. These criteria and standards will be provided to the School Board for review and approval. Following School Board approval, the criteria and standards for mandatory summer school instruction will be included in this policy as Attachment A and incorporated herein by reference.

V. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

- A. The school district shall make available transportation services for all students required to receive instruction in the school district's summer school program in accordance with Minnesota

Statutes section 120A.22, subdivision 5(b). The school district recognizes that transportation is an essential part of the school district services to students and parents but further recognizes that transportation by school bus is a privilege and not a right for an eligible student.

- B. The School Board shall retain sole discretion, control and management of scheduling routes, establishment of the location of bus stops, manner and method of transportation, control and discipline of school children, and any other matter relating to the provision of transportation services.

VI. SCHOOL BOARD REVIEW

The Superintendent or designated representative shall report at least annually to the School Board regarding the status and utilization of programs under this policy. All summer school programs will be subject to annual review and approval by the School Board.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120A.20 (Admission to Public School)
Minn. Stat. § 120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.12 (Reading Proficiently no Later than the End of Grade 3)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09 (Boards of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.88 (Independent School Districts; Transportation)
Minn. Stat. § 125A.50 (Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services)
Minn. Rules Chapter 3501 (Graduation Standards)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 605 (Alternative Programs)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 707 (Transportation of Public School Students)

Morris Area Schools does not have mandatory summer school instruction.