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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 Crosslake Community School (CCS).

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. The policy of CCS is to address the groupings of grade levels as recognized in Minnesota Statutes section 120A.05, as follows:
CCS's grade levels shall be organized from the options listed below:

Seat-Based Learning

Pre-Kindergarten is a fee based program.

Elementary: Grades Kindergarten through 4

Middle: Grades 5-8

Online Learning

Elementary Grades K-5

Middle: Grades 6-8

High: Grades 9-12

- B. The Directors 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. CCS may request documentation that verifies a student falls within the school's minimum and maximum age requirements for admission to publicly funded 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/guardian.

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. For further reference, please refer to CCS's Kindergarten and 1st Grade Eligibility Procedure.
- B. "Pre-Kindergarten" 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. Pre-kindergarten fee-based program.

[NOTE: School districts with a voluntary prekindergarten program may choose to add a provision in line with Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.1, which was updated in 2024. The statute states that a school district may establish a voluntary prekindergarten program for eligible four-year-old children (the italicized language is new.)]

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)

Cross References: Policy 110 (Student Admissions)
607 (Organization of Grade Levels)
Kindergarten/1st Grade Eligibility Procedure