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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 Minnesota Statutes section 120.05 (public schools), as follows:

Elementary:	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 (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 None