## The Village Charter School No. 473

INSTRUCTION 2220

## Prekindergarten Programs

The Village Charter School may establish a prekindergarten program based on the premise that the school's teachers, support staff, and physical facilities can offer a quality of experiences that cannot be provided by area nursery schools. If it is not possible for The Village Charter School to provide such a program for all four year-old children in The Village Charter School, those children in greatest need will be sought and identified.

The objectives of the program are to:

- 1. Identify children with incipient problems of a social, emotional, and/or physical nature, regardless of whether they are related to maturational development;
- 2. Provide an educational experience that will ameliorate or eliminate these problems at an early age, thereby mitigating adjustment and/or learning problems in subsequent years;
- 3. Identify children who do not have facility in the English language and provide experiences that enhance and accelerate the development of such a facility;
- 4. Identify children who would not otherwise attend a nursery school prior to entering public school and provide them with equal learning opportunities;
- 5. Provide experiences for the parents of these children through a volunteer aide program whereby they can become oriented to the task of the school and how their role as parents might relate to the task as it affects their children; and
- 6. Provide learning experiences in early childhood education.

If any such program is instituted by The Village Charter School, such program may be separate and apart from any services provided to prekindergarten students under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or other special education laws.

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