

**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. The policy of the school district is to address the groupings of grade levels as recognized in Minn. Stat. § 120A.05, as follows:

*[Note: Each school district should identify within the groupings as defined in Minn. Stat. § 120A.05, how grade levels shall be organized within the school district from the options listed below:*

*Elementary:                      Grades prekindergarten through 6*

*Middle:                            Minimum of two consecutive grades above 4th but below 10th*

*Secondary:                      (Grades 7 through 12)*  
*Junior High                      Grades \_\_\_ through \_\_\_*  
*Senior High                      Grades \_\_\_ through \_\_\_*  
*Vocational                        Grades 7 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, 10a, 11, 13, 17 (Public Schools)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 2 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)

***Cross References:***