

**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.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 120A.05, Subds. 9, 11, 13, 17 (Public Schools)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 2 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)

**Cross References:**

Adopted with revisions from MSBA Policy 607, Orig. 1995, Rev. 2005  
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**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

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

**Elementary:                    Grades prekindergarten through 5**

**Middle:                        Grades 6-8**

**Secondary:                    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 prekindergarten students that prepares students to enter kindergarten the following school year.