

SCHOOL POLICIES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 16

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SERIES	600	Educational Program
SUBJECT	607	Organization of Grade Levels
Adopted		April 24, 2001
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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 §120A.05, as follows:

Elementary: Grades Prekindergarten through 3
Intermediate: Grades 4 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 (Public Schools)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 2 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)

Cross References: