

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to address the grade level organization of NWSISD programs and activities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. It is the policy of the NWSISD to address the groupings of grade levels as recognized in Minnesota Statutes § 120A.05, as follows:

Elementary:	Grades K prekindergarten through 6
Middle:	Grades 5 through 8
Secondary:	Grades 7 through 12
Junior High	Grades 7 and 8
Senior High	Grades 9 through 12
Vocational	Grades 7 through 12

- B. The Executive Director may seek school board approval to administer certain programs on a non-graded 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. "Pre-kindergarten" 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)

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