Nerstrand Elementary School Policy 607
Independent Charter School District #4055
Adopted: 11/9/2026

607 ORGANIZATION OF GRADE LEVELS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to address the grade level organization of schools within the charter school.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. The policy of the charter school is to address the groupings of grade levels as recognized in Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.05, as follows:

Elementary Grades are defined at Nerstrand Elementary School as Kindergarten through Fifth.

B. The executive director 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.

C. The charter school may request documentation that verifies a student falls within the school's minimum and maximum age requirements for admission to publicly funded prekindergarten, preschool, kindergarten, or grades 1 through 12. Documentation may include a passport, a hospital birth record or physician's certificate, a baptismal or religious certificate, an adoption record, health records, immunization records, immigration records, previously verified school records, early childhood screening records, Minnesota Immunization Information Connection records, or an affidavit from a parent.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. "Kindergarten" means a program designed for students five (5) 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 (5) 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. § 120A.20, Subd. 4 (Verification of Age for Admission to Public School)
Minn. Stat. § 124E.07 (Board of Directors)

Cross References: None