

623 MANDATORY SUMMER SCHOOL INSTRUCTION

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish program parameters and student attendance guidelines and requirements for the education district relating to the provision of mandatory summer school educational services.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Summer school educational services and instruction shall be directed toward the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the educational program and graduation standards of the education district.

III. PROCEDURES

A. The education district shall offer summer school instruction providing opportunities for:

[Note: The following are for illustrative purposes. Summer school instructional offerings are a policy decision to be determined by the local education district board.]

- 1. Remedial instruction at the _____ level(s);*
- 2. Make-up and review courses at the _____ level(s);*
- 3. Special education instruction and services related to mandatory summer school instruction consistent with applicable state and federal authority for all qualified disabled children where appropriate to their educational needs;*
- 4. Reading intervention programs or instruction for students who are at risk of not learning to read before the end of second grade; and*
- 5. Other mandatory summer school programs as determined by the education district.*

B. All services of the summer school program will be free to residents of the education district whose need for a summer program has been identified by teachers or the education district principal and who are required to attend pursuant to established education district criteria and the provisions of this policy.

- C. The summer school curriculum will be established in line with the needs of students and in accordance with rules of the Minnesota Department of Education. Remedial, make-up, and review courses shall provide opportunities for students to qualify for promotion and/or credit in areas and subjects where previous work has not met promotion/credit standards. It shall further be designed to assist students who have not passed one or more basic requirements tests and who are in need of remediation services relating to the education district's graduation standards or who have been identified as at risk of not learning to read before the end of second grade.
- D. Summer school provides the opportunity for students to improve basic skills, further their academic progress, and/or accelerate in designated academic areas. The intent of the education district is to ensure that courses taught during the summer session are of the same level of instructional breadth and difficulty as provided during the regular school year.

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[Note: The Compulsory Instruction Law at Minnesota Statutes section 120A.22, Subd. 5, specifically authorizes education districts to require children subject to compulsory instruction to attend summer school. Each education district that wishes to implement mandatory summer school instruction must establish the criteria and standards for determining which students will be required to receive such instruction. These criteria should be developed and determined by the education district board in consultation with appropriate educational professionals. The final criteria and standards should be provided with specificity in this section. These criteria are within the discretion of the education district board and may be tailored to an education district's particular needs and resources. They may be aimed at certain grade levels, academic areas and programs, or at students in need of remediation services relating to the education district's graduation standards and basic requirements testing.]

[Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 120B.12, education districts must identify, before the end of kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2, students who are not reading at grade level before the end of the current school year. Such students must be screened for characteristics of dyslexia. Reading assessments in English and in the predominant languages of district students, where practicable, must identify and evaluate students' areas of academic need related to literacy. Education districts must also monitor the progress and provide reading instruction appropriate to the specific needs of English learners. Education districts must use a locally adopted, developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive assessment. Education districts are required to provide reading intervention methods for such students, which may include requiring student attendance in summer school.]

[Alternative]

The education district board will direct the administration to identify and develop specific criteria and standards for determining which students must receive summer school instruction. These will be provided to the education district board for review and approval

on no less than an annual basis. Following education district board approval, the criteria and standards for mandatory summer school instruction will be included in this policy as Attachment A and incorporated herein by reference.

V. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

- A. The education district shall make available transportation services for all students required to receive instruction in the education district's summer school program in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 120A.22, Subd. 5(b). The education district recognizes that transportation is an essential part of the education district services to students and parents but further recognizes that transportation by school bus is a privilege and not a right for an eligible student.
- B. The education district board shall retain sole discretion, control, and management of scheduling routes, establishment of the location of bus stops, manner and method of transportation, control and discipline of school children, and any other matter relating to the provision of transportation services.

VI. EDUCATION DISTRICT BOARD REVIEW

The executive director or designated representative shall report at least annually to the education district board regarding the status and utilization of programs under this policy. All summer school programs will be subject to annual review and approval by the education district board.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120A.20 (Admission to Public School)
Minn. Stat. § 120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.12 (Reading Proficiently no Later than the End of Grade 3)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09 (Boards of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.88 (Independent School Districts; Transportation)
Minn. Stat. § 125A.50 (Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services)
Minn. Rules Chapter 3501 (Graduation Standards)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 605 (Alternative Programs)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 707 (Transportation of Public School Students)