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### **503.1 ADMISSIONS**

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to indicate the board of directors' intent to follow Minnesota state law related to filling openings in the school.

II. General Statement of Policy

Minnesota charter school law establishes the following requirements related to admitting students:

- A. A charter school may limit admission to pupils within an age group or grade level.
- B. A charter school may limit admission to pupils who are eligible to participate in the graduation incentives program under Sect. 124D.68.
- C. A charter school may limit enrollment to residents of a specific geographic area in which the school is located when the majority of students served by the school are members of underserved populations.
- D. A charter school shall enroll an eligible pupil who submits a timely application unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of the program. (Northern Lights Community School enrollment may be capped at 105 students.) In this case, pupils must be accepted by lot.
- E. A charter school shall give enrollment preference to a sibling of an enrolled pupil and to a foster child of that pupil's parents and may give preference for enrolling children of the school's staff before accepting other pupils by lot.
- F. A charter school may not limit admissions to pupils on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability and may not establish any criteria or requirements for admission that are inconsistent with items A through E.

- G. The charter school shall not distribute any services or goods of value to students, parents, or guardians as an inducement, term, or condition of enrolling a student in a charter school.

Reference Stat. § 124.D.10 Subd. 9