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## **ST. CROIX PREPARATORY ACADEMY KINDERGARTEN ADMISSION Policy #302**

### **I. PURPOSE**

State law requires that Kindergarten students must attain the age of five years on or prior to September 1 of the enrollment year, unless the local school board has adopted a policy for early enrollment in select cases. St. Croix Preparatory Academy adheres to this state statute and requires all incoming Kindergarten students to be five years of age on or before September 1.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

St. Croix Preparatory Academy's mission is to provide all students with a rigorous and challenging education. Adherence to age requirements noted in state statute provides best assurance that admitted students are able to meet the academic, cognitive, social, and emotional skills required of Kindergarten.

### **III. KINDERGARTEN PREPARATION**

For students admitted through the enrollment/lottery process, Kindergarten assessments will be conducted with children who will be five years of age on or prior to September 1 of that enrollment year. Assessments will occur no earlier than August in the year of admittance. Assessments will consist of identifying information related to number sense, reading and writing literacy, self-regulation skills, and social/emotional development.

Each year, in the month of August, St. Croix Preparatory Academy holds a Kindergarten Camp. It is strongly recommended that all incoming Kindergarten students attend this camp. The camp is designed to transition students into the school, engage them in academic skills and stamina necessary for all-day Kindergarten, and to build a relational foundation of familiarity with their teacher(s) and peers.

#### ***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. § 120A.20 (b)

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