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EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

I. PURPOSE

The School Board recognizes that some students turning five between the dates of September and October 30 may be prepared to attend Kindergarten and therefore should be provided a means to determine readiness and opportunity to enroll if their family desires.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Minnesota state law provides for children to begin kindergarten if they reach age five on or before September 1st of the school year attending. School districts and charter boards are allowed to create an early admittance policy. Therefore, the School Board of SciTech Academy Charter School has developed this policy to provide for the opportunity for children whose 5th birthday occurs after September 1st but before October 30th of the school year to be attended.

III. PROCEDURE

Parents wishing to enroll their child who turns five years old between September 2 and October 30 of the school year to be attended must follow the following procedures:

- A. A written request and a certified copy of the child's birth certificate must be submitted to the school administration no later than August 15 prior to the school year wishing to attend.
- B. Minnesota statute requires any child enrolled in kindergarten to have completed preschool screening. Proof of the pre-school screening must be provided by the parent prior to being considered for enrollment.
- C. Upon receipt of the above information the child will be evaluated by the school's licensed kindergarten teacher, or designated assessor as assigned by the School's Director.
- D. Dependent upon the results of the interview and assessments a psychological test may be recommended. If a psychological exam is recommended, the test will solely be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. An above average result of the psychological result is expected if the child is to be enrolled in kindergarten. If the parent/guardian chooses not to adhere to the request of the psychological testing by the school, the child will not be enrolled.
- E. An early admission kindergartener must have attended a preschool taught by a licensed pre-school teacher and provide proof of attendance.

F. Students meeting eligibility for early admission to kindergarten will attend on a trial basis and will be re-evaluated at mid-quarter of the first quarter of school to make sure that continuation is recommended. Continuation in the program will be decided upon by the teacher and administration in collaboration with the parents. The school district reserves the right to make the final decision on whether the child will continue.

G. The School Reserves all right to make placement decisions.