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**BLUESKY CHARTER SCHOOL POLICY No. 5.1.1
ADMISSIONS POLICY WITH LOTTERY**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the admissions policy of BlueSky Online Charter School.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy establishes guidelines for admission into BlueSky Charter School that are consistent with the admission requirements of Minnesota Statutes §124E.11 and other applicable laws.

III. GENERAL ENROLLMENT PROVISIONS

- A. BlueSky Charter School is a public school and pursuant to state law, must enroll an eligible student who submits a timely application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of the program, class, grade level, or building. When that occurs, students will be accepted by lot and admitted as further described in section VI.
- B. Before admitting a student on the lottery list, BlueSky Charter School shall give preference for enrollment to siblings of an enrolled student and to a foster child of that pupil's parents.
- C. Before accepting students by lot, BlueSky Charter School will give preference to enrolling children of the school's staff before accepting other pupils by lot.
- D. BlueSky Charter School shall not discriminate against any student based on race, color, ethnicity, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, religion or creed, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, disability, intellectual ability, prior measures of achievement or aptitude, athletic ability, or for any other basis that would be unlawful for a public or charter school.
- E. BlueSky Charter School shall not seek any information about any applicant that may be used to discriminate against the applicant in either school's policies or governing laws. This does not preclude the school from seeking such information for a lawful purpose about a student after the student has been admitted.
- F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this policy to the contrary, in compliance with the requirements of the Minnesota Department of Education and with the 2011 settlement agreement in ACLU v. TiZA, et al. litigation, BlueSky Charter School shall not select students based on religious preference.

G. BlueSky Charter School will not distribute any services or goods of value to students, parents or guardians as an inducement, term or condition of enrolling a student unless required to do so by Minnesota's Pupil Fee Law.

IV. ENROLLMENT PROCESS

- A. **Submission of application.** Students interested in enrolling in BlueSky Online Charter School will first complete a two part enrollment application which will be submitted electronically.
- B. **Response to application.** Upon submission of the enrollment form, admitted students will be assigned a student support advisor, counselor, and social worker. Students and parents or guardians are contacted by a counselor.

V. LOTTERY

- A. In an effort to maintain high quality programming and consistent staffing BlueSky administration may establish an enrollment capacity. Capacity may be based on grade level, program, site, and/or course enrollments but will not discriminate based on previous academic achievement, athletic, or other extracurricular ability, disabling conditions, proficiency in the English language, previous disciplinary proceedings, or the students district or residence as outlined in Minn. Stat. § 124E.11.
- B. If the number of students applying exceeds capacity, the administration will develop and publish a lottery process. That process shall include the following provisions of this policy as outlined in part III of this policy:
1. The school will give preference for enrollment to a sibling of an enrolled pupil and to a foster child of that pupil's parents;
 2. The school may give preference for enrolling children of the school's staff before accepting other pupils by lot;
 3. The school shall not give preference or discriminate against any prospective student based upon the student's religious preference or affiliation.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. §124E.11 (Admission Requirements)