

125A.69 ADMISSION STANDARDS.

Subdivision 1. **Two kinds.** There are two kinds of admission to the Minnesota State Academies.

(a) A pupil who is deaf, hard of hearing, or blind-deaf, may be admitted to the Academy for the Deaf. A pupil who is blind or visually impaired, blind-deaf, or multiply disabled may be admitted to the Academy for the Blind. For a pupil to be admitted, two decisions must be made under sections 125A.03 to 125A.24 and 125A.65.

(1) It must be decided by the individual education planning team that education in regular or special education classes in the pupil's district of residence cannot be achieved satisfactorily because of the nature and severity of the deafness or blindness or visual impairment respectively.

(2) It must be decided by the individual education planning team that the academy provides the most appropriate placement within the least restrictive alternative for the pupil.

(b) A deaf or hard-of-hearing child or a visually impaired pupil may be admitted to get socialization skills or on a short-term basis for skills development.

Subd. 2. **Pupils with multiple disabilities eligible to attend.** This section does not prevent a pupil with disabilities in addition to being

(1) deaf or hard of hearing, or

(2) blind or visually impaired

from attending the Academy for the Deaf or the Academy for the Blind, respectively.

Subd. 3. **Out-of-state admissions.** An applicant from another state who can benefit from attending either academy may be admitted to the academy if the admission does not prevent an eligible Minnesota resident from being admitted. The board of the Minnesota State Academies must obtain reimbursement from the other state for the costs of the out-of-state admission. The state board may enter into an agreement with the appropriate authority in the other state for the reimbursement. Money received from another state must be deposited in the special revenue fund and credited to the general operating account of the academies. The money is appropriated to the academies.

Subd. 4. **Compulsory attendance.** The compulsory attendance provisions of section 120A.22 apply to attendance at the academies. Attendance may be excused under that section by the commissioner of education or a designee. A person who fails to comply with section 120A.22 is subject to section 120A.26. The academies' administrator must exercise the duties imposed on a superintendent by section 120A.26. Attendance at the Academy for the Deaf or the Academy for the Blind fulfills the requirements of sections 125A.03 to 125A.24 and 125A.65. The academies are subject to sections 121A.40 to 121A.45, the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act of 1970, as amended.

History: 1976 c 271 s 70; 1985 c 240 s 5; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 384 art 1 s 55; 1989 c 220 s 2; 1991 c 265 art 11 s 12; 1Sp1995 c 3 art 11 s 16,17; art 16 s 13; 1998 c 397 art 11 s 3; 1999 c 241 art 2 s 29,30; 2003 c 130 s 12; 2005 c 56 s 1; 2006 c 263 art 5 s 6