## **CHAPTER 120A**

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#### 120A.02 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

- (a) The Department of Education is established.
- (b) The Department of Education shall carry out the provisions of chapters 120A to 129C and other related education provisions under law.

**History:** 2003 c 130 s 7,12

### 120A.05 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 4. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of education.

[For text of subds 5 and 6, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 7. Department. "Department" means the Department of Education.

[For text of subd 8, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 9. Elementary school. "Elementary school" means any school with building, equipment, courses of study, class schedules, enrollment of pupils ordinarily in prekindergarten through grade 6 or any portion thereof, and staff meeting the standards established by the commissioner.

[For text of subd 10, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 11. Middle school. "Middle school" means any school other than a secondary school giving an approved course of study in a minimum of two consecutive grades above 4th but below 10th with building, equipment, courses of study, class schedules, enrollment, and staff meeting the standards established by the commissioner of education.

[For text of subd 12, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 13. **Secondary school.** "Secondary school" means any school with building, equipment, courses of study, class schedules, enrollment of pupils ordinarily in grades 7 through 12 or any portion thereof, and staff meeting the standards established by the commissioner of education.

[For text of subds 14 to 16, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 17. Vocational center school. "Vocational center school" means any school serving a group of secondary schools with approved areas of secondary vocational training and offering vocational secondary and adult programs necessary to meet local needs and meeting standards established by the commissioner of education.

**History:** 2003 c 130 s 8,9,12; 1Sp2003 c 9 art 2 s 1; art 5 s 3

#### 120A.24 REPORTING.

[For text of subds 1 to 3, see M.S.2002]

- Subd. 4. **Reports to the state.** A superintendent must make an annual report to the commissioner of education. The report must include the following information:
- (1) the number of children residing in the district attending nonpublic schools or receiving instruction from persons or institutions other than a public school;

- (2) the number of children in clause (1) who are in compliance with section 120A.22 and this section; and
- (3) the number of children in clause (1) who the superintendent has determined are not in compliance with section 120A.22 and this section.

History: 1Sp2003 c 9 art 2 s 2

## 120A.41 LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR; DAYS OF INSTRUCTION.

A school board's annual school calendar must include at least the number of days of student instruction the board formally adopted as its school calendar at the beginning of the 1996-1997 school year.

**History:** 1Sp2003 c 9 art 2 s 3