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## **501 - Lottery and Enrollment Policy**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The school board recognizes that a lottery system/policy needs to be in place in order to accommodate enrollment applications that exceed the number of educational openings available for students.

### **II. LOTTERY AND OPEN ENROLLMENT POLICY**

- A. Rochester STEM Academy will have an open enrollment period from December of each school year until May 1<sup>st</sup> of that same school year. If more students apply for admission than Rochester STEM Academy can accommodate at any grade level, it will conduct a lottery during the first week in May, *pursuant to Minnesota statute 124E.11 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND ENROLLMENT.*
- B. Students may continue to enroll if a grade is not yet full, while new applicants for full grades will be placed on a waiting list.
- C. Consistent with Minnesota statute, enrollment preference will be given to siblings of students and to foster children of that pupil's parents who are already admitted to Rochester STEM Academy and to children of teaching staff.
- D. Rochester STEM Academy will enroll students in a manner that ensures equal access to the Academy and does not discriminate against students of a particular race, creed, color, class, national origin, gender, religion, ancestry, disability, proficiency in English, or need for special education services. Rochester STEM Academy enrollment policies meet the requirements of all Minnesota statutes and ensure equal access to the school.
- E. The Rochester STEM Academy shall establish and maintain a program to educate and assist employees, students and others in understanding this policy.