



OSHKI
OGIMAAG

Oshki Ogimaag Charter School

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POLICY No. _____

OSHKI OGIMAAG COMMUNITY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS POLICY

I. PURPOSE

Oshki Ogimaag Charter School is a public, tuition-free charter school committed to equitable, inclusive, and culturally grounded education. This policy ensures full compliance with Minnesota Statutes §124E.11, §120A.20 Subd. 4, the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, and all other applicable laws and authorizer expectations.

II. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

- Admission is open to all Minnesota residents who meet grade-level age requirements.
- Per Minn. Stat. §120A.20 Subd. 4, children must be five years old on or before September 1 to enroll in kindergarten.

III. EARLY ADMISSION FOR KINDERGARTEN

Under Minn. Stat. §124E.11(g), Oshki Ogimaag may allow early admission to kindergarten for a child who is not yet five years old by September 1 if the following conditions are met:

- A written request is submitted by the parent or guardian.
- The child is assessed by a licensed school psychologist or educator using a comprehensive assessment tool.
- The child demonstrates developmental and academic readiness.
- The school determines early entrance is in the best interest of the child.

The school will communicate its decision in writing. Early admission is not guaranteed and is subject to space availability.

IV. ENROLLMENT PROCESS

- An open enrollment period is held annually and publicly posted.
- If applications exceed available spots in any grade, a lottery will be conducted.
- Applications received after the enrollment period are placed on a waitlist in the order received.

V. ENROLLMENT PREFERENCES (Minn. Stat. §124E.11):

The following enrollment preferences apply:

1. Siblings of currently enrolled students
2. Children of full-time school staff (limited to no more than 10% of total enrollment unless otherwise permitted by law)
3. Students previously enrolled at Oshki Ogimaag

VI. NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Oshki Ogimaag Charter School does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, national origin, color, creed, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, status with regard to public assistance, or academic or athletic ability.

The school complies with all federal and state non-discrimination laws, including:

- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Minnesota Human Rights Act

VII. COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUPIL FAIR DISMISSAL ACT (Minn. Stat. §121A.40 – §121A.56)

Oshki Ogimaag Charter School complies fully with the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act. No student shall be excluded, expelled, or dismissed without due process as outlined in state law.

- Students will not be un-enrolled or dismissed due to academic underperformance or behavioral challenges.
- All dismissals are subject to formal procedures and documentation, including notice, hearing rights, and opportunities for alternative education services when applicable.
- No student will be disenrolled or counseled out of the school except through lawful processes.

In alignment with Minn. Stat. §124E.11(g), students may not be dismissed without a formal hearing and findings under the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, even if they are not meeting academic expectations or presenting behavioral difficulties