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**BLUFFVIEW MONTESSORI SCHOOL
POLICY 104
SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear statement of the purposes for which Bluffview Montessori School exists.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board believes that a mission statement should be adopted. The mission statement should be based on the beliefs and values of the community, should direct any change effort and should be the basis on which decisions are made. The school board, on behalf of and with extensive participation by the community, should develop consensus among its members regarding the nature of the enterprise the school board governs, the purposes it serves, the constituencies it should consider, including student representation, and the results it intends to produce.

III. MISSION STATEMENT

Bluffview Montessori School empowers self-directed learning through a materials-based Montessori curriculum that encourages independence and natural curiosity. Bluffview cultivates learners' deep respect for self, community, and a peaceful environment, while nourishing the intrinsic desire for academic, civic, and personal fulfillment.

IV. PURPOSES

- A. The primary purpose of mission-driven charter schools is to improve the learning, achievement, and success of all students. The additional purposes of charter schools are to:
1. increase quality learning opportunities for all students;
 2. encourage the use of innovative teaching methods;
 3. measure learning outcomes and create innovative forms of measuring outcomes;
 4. establish new forms of accountability for schools; or

5. create new professional opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the school site.
- B. Bluffview Montessori School must identify the purposes it will address in the charter contract and document the implementation of those purposes in the school's annual report. Documentation of the implementation of those purposes shall be a component of the authorizer's performance review of the school.

V. REVIEW

The school board will review Bluffview Montessori School's mission every two years, especially when members of the board change. The school board will conduct a comprehensive review of the mission, including the beliefs and values of the community, every five to seven years.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 124E (Charter Schools)
Minn. Stat. § 124E.01 (Purpose and Applicability)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process for Reviewing Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement Goals; Striving for Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness)

Cross References: None