

Subject Early Special Education Services: Metro Deaf Charter School

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Overview

Minnesota's charter schools may begin providing services to students once they are enrolled in the school. Under current law, generally a charter school may first enroll a child beginning in kindergarten, unless the school operates an approved prekindergarten program in which case the charter school may begin providing special education services to a student who is enrolled in a prekindergarten program.

The 2015 Legislature (prior to the creation of the voluntary prekindergarten program) created an exception for the Metro Deaf Charter School and allowed the school to provide services to prekindergarten pupils.

H.F. 1382 authorizes the Metro Deaf Charter School to provide early education special education services to children below the age of four.

Summary

| Section | Description |
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| 1 | <p>Admission requirements and enrollment.</p> <p>Authorizes a charter school with at least 90 percent of enrolled students who are eligible for special education services and have a primary disability of deaf or hard-of-hearing (Metro Deaf Charter School) to provide special education services to children under the age of 4.</p> |