

State of Minnesota
State Board of Education
Partnerships Division

Statement of Need and Reasonableness for the Proposed
Amendment to Minnesota Rule, Part 3505.3300.

Concerning: The proposed adoption of the amendment to the rule governing the implementation of the Health Occupations program.

The amendment is necessary to provide flexibility to the implementation of the Health Occupations program. By allowing the required 280 hours of program instruction to be offered over a two-year period of time, the schools would have the option of offering a time block of approximately one hour per school day over a period of two years, rather than the current requirement which provides an average of approximately two hours per school day. With many Health Occupations programs transferring from the cooperative centers into the high schools, additional options to provide these Health Occupations programs have been requested due to difficulty of scheduling and variables in schools. It is reasonable to offer this flexibility so the schools can provide students with greater opportunities for career exploration and skill development in the health occupations. The two-year program offering can successfully be utilized to provide continuity and program sequence in taking students from exploration of the health careers to the advanced portions of the curriculum. It is reasonable to provide options which will serve more students and provide the flexibility in planning needed to meet the changes in school and community needs.

The promulgation of these rules is authorized by Minnesota Statute SS 121.11, Subd. 12.