

**RISE Charter School District #562**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING FY26**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

**Agenda Item: 6b – Policy 2470: Self-Directed Learner**

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Policy 2470, Self-Directed Learner, was first presented to the Board for a first reading in February 2025, at which time the policy was tabled for further consideration. The policy is now being presented again for adoption, as RISE Charter School currently has students who would benefit from the flexibility and individualized learning opportunities this policy provides.

This policy establishes a framework for designating eligible students as Self-Directed Learners (SDL), allowing additional flexibility in how students meet graduation requirements while maintaining academic rigor and accountability. Students work collaboratively with a supervising teacher and parent/guardian to align learning activities with grade-level expectations, postsecondary plans, and personal life goals. The policy also ensures compliance with state law by prohibiting fees for credit-bearing courses and excluding religious activities.

Procedure 2470P outlines the eligibility criteria, application and approval process, monitoring requirements, and conditions under which SDL status may be maintained or rescinded. Form 2470F serves as the official application and planning document for students seeking Self-Directed Learner designation and documents required approvals, goals, and supporting materials.

The Board is asked to consider adoption of the policy, procedure, and application form as presented.