

## **Primary/Preprimary Education**

### **Kindergarten programs**

The district shall establish and maintain a kindergarten program or programs. A kindergarten program may be a half-day or full-day program, and the district shall receive state funding for students enrolled in these programs on a half-day or full-day basis, in accordance with state law. A child must be five (5) years of age by October 1 to be eligible for enrollment in any kindergarten program, unless the child is otherwise enrolled in the program pursuant to applicable law.

### **Preschool programs**

All district preschool programs shall comply with the rules established by the Department of Education and with the rules for child care centers established by the Department of Human Services.

### **Children with disabilities**

In meeting its obligation to offer an individualized program for children with disabilities at age three (3), the district shall provide a special education preschool program at no cost to students who have been identified as children with disabilities pursuant to applicable law.

### **Colorado preschool program (CPP)**

In addition, when the district receives funding from the state to do so, the district shall provide a preschool program as part of the Colorado Preschool Program for three- four- and five-year-old children who lack learning readiness due to significant family risk factors. All enrolling three-year-olds must lack overall learning readiness that is attributable to at least three of the significant family risk factors.

Parents/guardians wishing to have their children participate in this program shall make application to the district. Participants then shall be selected on the basis of greatest need.

### **Other children who wish to enroll on a tuition basis**

In an effort to offer a well-rounded learning experience, the preschool program may be open on a tuition basis to students who qualify. The administration shall develop admission procedures that take into consideration space and staffing requirements.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-20-101 *et seq.* (Exceptional Children's Educational Act)  
C.R.S. 22-28-101 *et seq.* (Colorado Preschool Program Act)  
C.R.S. 22-32-119 (1) (requires establishment of kindergarten program)  
C.R.S. 22-32-119.5 (full-day kindergarten phase-in plan)

C.R.S. 22-43.7-201 *et seq.* (full-day kindergarten capital construction funding)  
C.R.S. 22-44-118 (full-day kindergarten reserve)  
C.R.S. 22-54-103 (9.5) (definition of preschool enrollment)  
C.R.S. 22-54-103 (10) (funding for kindergarten)  
C.R.S. 22-54-108.5 (mill levy to fund full-day kindergarten)  
C.R.S. 22-54-130, 131 (full-day kindergarten funding)  
C.R.S. 26-6-102 (1.5) (definition of child care center)  
1 CCR 301-8, Rules 2220-R-1.00 *et seq.* (Rules for the Administration of the Exceptional Children's Educational Act)

CROSS REFS.: BDFC\*, Preschool Council  
IHBA, Special Education Programs for Students with Disabilities