

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Board shall provide screening and assessment through the Child Find process and a preschool program designed to serve disabled children ages three and four, as required by law. The Board shall also serve as the grantee for the Head Start preschool programs designed to serve low income three and four year old children. In collaboration with community preschools, the Board shall provide a preschool program designed to serve at-risk three and four year old children through the Colorado Preschool Program. These three programs will be integrated and in compliance with the rules, regulations and performance standards for each of the separate programs.

The goal of the preschool programs will be to create a quality learning environment focused on the social, cognitive, motor, self-help, language and literacy readiness skills designed to increase success in elementary school. Transition plans from preschool to kindergarten will be implemented to promote a positive experience for the families and the children entering kindergarten.

The Board regards parental involvement as an important component of the district's preschool program and encourages such involvement through conferences, home visitations and classroom participation by parents.

The district shall provide facilities, transportation and maintenance of the preschool sites as the in-kind contributions to the Thompson Integrated Early Childhood Program.

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Legal ref: 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. 22-43.7-201 et seq. (full-day kindergarten capital construction funding)
C.R.S. 22-44-118 (full-day kindergarten reserve)
C.R.S. 22-45-103(1)(g) (Preschool program fund)
C.R.S. 22-54-103(9.5) (definition of preschool enrollment)
C.R.S. 22-54-105(4) (At-risk funding)
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 Administration of the Exceptional Children's Educational Act)

Cross Ref: JEB, Entrance Age Requirements