

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION

In meeting its obligation to offer an individualized program for young children with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) shall provide a special education preschool program at no cost to students who have been identified as needing individualized special education services, effective on their third birthday.

In addition, the District may provide a preschool program as part of the Colorado Preschool Program for three- and four-year-old children (3 years old on or before October 1st of the enrolling school year) who are lacking learning readiness due to significant family risk factors, who are in need of language development, or who are receiving services from the Colorado Department of Social Services as neglected or dependent children. Parents/guardians wishing to have their children participate in this program shall make an application to the District. Participants then shall be selected on the basis of greatest student need.

All eligible kindergarten age children shall be allowed to enroll in District 11 schools, either at their home school or District 11 school of choice, following the choice application policy (5 years old on or before October 1st of the enrolling school year).

All support services shall be made available to kindergarten teachers and students on the same basis as they are available for teachers and students in grades one through five in the same building. Such services and educational opportunities shall include but not be limited to hearing tests, speech correction, special education, and testing services.

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LEGAL REF.: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. §1400, et seq.
C.R.S. 22-28-101 et seq. (Colorado Preschool Program Act)

CROSS REFS.: IHBA, Special Education Programs for Students with Educational Disabilities
JEB, Entrance Age Requirements
JF, Student Admissions to/Withdrawals from School
JFBA/JFBB, School Choice-Open Enrollment and Transfers