



Dear Parents:

Thank you for your interest in our Early Access Program. Aspen School District is excited to offer highly advanced gifted children the opportunity to begin their school careers early. Please read the Early Access Procedure for detailed information about the process. Children must be 4 years of age by the start date of kindergarten or 5 years of ages by the start date of first grade in order to be considered for this program.

Applications must be received prior to April 1 for consideration of early access for the following school year. You may submit your application prior to March 1; however, because of the dynamic nature of early childhood development, applications will not be officially marked received until March 1 to allow us to conduct the screening and formal assessment, if required, as close to the start of the next school year as possible.

Following the receipt of an application, I will contact you about bringing your child to school for a screening, having you complete the Kingore Observation Inventory for Parents, and collecting information from previous preschool teachers.

Parent Responsibilities

- Parents must submit a complete Application for Early Access on or before April 1. Incomplete applications may result in the district deciding that there is inadequate or insufficient information upon which to base a decision to grant the early access request and thereby deny the request for early access.
- Parents may also submit with the application Student Performance Samples that help the district staff determine if the child should receive a formal evaluation for Early Access. Suggested work samples could include:
 - Examples of the child's drawings, writing, and other interests
 - A video of the child reading and communicating
 - Any available test data obtained from a private psychologist or other public evaluation (Because of the dynamic nature of early development, test results must be within three months from the date of the application.)
 - Other supporting information the parent believes will help the team reach a proper decision
- Provide the child for observation, screening, and formal and informal assessment, as required.

Please submit the completed application and any optional supporting information to me:

Dr. Julia Roark
Assistant Superintendent
Aspen School District
235 High School Road
Aspen, CO 81611

I look forward to working with you to achieve the best decision for your child.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julia Roark
Assistant Superintendent