



COLORADO
Department of Education

Kindergarten Students

2014-2015 Student October Count

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Funding Eligibility

- A student must be five years old on or before Oct. 1 in order to be included in the kindergarten count for part-time funding unless the students meets one of the following requirements:
 - They meet the requirements of a Highly Advanced Gifted Student
 - They have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
 - They have parent(s) who are active military under specific conditions, which will be discussed later in this presentation

Advanced Highly Gifted

- A student who is under the age of five as of Oct. 1 can be counted for part-time funding as a kindergartner if they meet the requirements for a Highly Advanced Gifted Student.
- **Documentation Required:**
 - Original Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) that is date appropriate and indicates early access
- **See Highly Advanced Gifted Students training or section in your Resource Guide for more information**

Individual Education Plan

- A district may count a student under the age of five for part-time funding in kindergarten if they have an IEP or schedule as of the pupil enrollment count day that provides at least 90 hours of teacher-pupil instruction and teacher-pupil contact time in the semester of the pupil enrollment count day.
- Documentation Required:
 - A copy of the student's IEP service delivery page that encompasses the pupil enrollment count day

Parents Who Are Active Military

- **A four year old can be eligible to be funded as part-time kindergartner if:**
 - The student was enrolled in the first grade during the current school year in a school in a state other than Colorado, and
 - Parent(s) are active military, and
 - Student has been transferred into a Colorado school district for one of the following reasons:
 - Per military orders, parent(s) have been relocated to Colorado (and student is living with parent); or
 - Per military orders, parent(s) have been deployed, and the student has been sent to live with the temporary guardian who resides in Colorado (while the parent(s) are out of the country)
- **Documentation required:**
 - Enrollment information from the prior school
 - Active military orders effective as of the pupil enrollment count day

Kindergartner Student Example

Larry Lettuce is a 4 year old kindergartner who has an IEP. His service delivery page indicates that his services began on Oct. 2 of the current school year and end on Oct. 2 of the next school year. He is receiving 100 hours of teacher-pupil instruction and teacher-pupil contact time in the semester of the pupil enrollment count day. Is Larry eligible for part-time funding as a 4 year old kindergartner based upon his IEP?

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No. His IEP does not encompass the pupil enrollment count day, which is Oct. 1.

Questions?

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Thank you!