



COLORADO
Department of Education

First-Grade Students

2014-2015 Student October Count

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Funding Eligibility

- A student must be six years old on or before Oct. 1 in order to be included in the first-grade count for full-time funding unless the student meets one of the following requirements:
 - They meet the requirements of a Highly Advanced Gifted Student
 - They are transferring from a school in a state other than Colorado and they attended at least 120 days of kindergarten in that state
 - 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 six as of Oct. 1 can be counted for full-time funding as a first grader 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
 - Annual review documentation that indicates when the annual review was conducted
- **See Highly Advanced Gifted Students training or section in your Resource Guide for more information**

Transfer Student From Another State

- A district may count and receive full-time funding for a student who is at least five years old on or before Oct. 1 of the applicable budget year if the student attended at least 120 days of kindergarten in a state other than Colorado.
- Documentation Required:
 - Documentation from the previous out-of-state school evidencing the total number of days in which the student attended during his/her kindergarten year will be required
 - A state other than Colorado includes all states in the United States, not other countries

Parents Who Are Active Military

- **A five year old can be eligible to be funded as full-time first grader 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

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The Colorado school district will need to provide documentation from his previous school in Minnesota that evidences the total number of days that Tommy attended kindergarten. Additionally, this documentation must show that Tommy attended at least 120 days of kindergarten.

Questions?

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Thank you!