

Early Access

Early access means early entrance to kindergarten or first grade for highly advanced gifted children under age six. Children for early access are exceptionally precocious and ready for school earlier than their same-age peers. Academic achievement, reasoning ability, performance and motivation are keen compared to other gifted children.

“Highly advanced gifted child” means a gifted child whose body of evidence demonstrates a profile of exceptional ability or potential compared to same-age gifted children. To meet the needs of highly advanced development, early access to educational services may be considered as a special provision.

The administrative unit at the school district, Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), or the state Charter School Institute **must** file a written early access addendum to the AU’s Comprehensive Program Plan in order to receive per-pupil funding for an early access student. Per-pupil funding shall only be provided to an AU **if** an Early Access Addendum has been **approved** by the Colorado Department of Education, the student meets all criterion for early access admittance, and an **Advanced Learning Plan** is developed by September 30.

Contact the AU Gifted Education Director/Coordinator for more information about the processes and procedures for an Early Access application.

For more information about Early Access: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/gt/earlyaccess>

Approved Early Access Plans for Single District Administrative Units

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adams 1, Mapleton • Adams 14, Commerce City • Adams 27J, Brighton • Adams-Arapahoe 28J, • Arapahoe 1, Englewood • Arapahoe 5, Cherry Creek • Arapahoe 6, Littleton • Boulder RE1J, St. Vrain Valley • Boulder RE2, Boulder Valley • Douglas Re 1, Castle Rock • Durango 9R • Eagle Re 50, Eagle • El Paso 2, Harrison • El Paso 8, Fountain-Fort Carson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Paso 11, Colorado Springs • El Paso 20, Academy • El Paso 38 Lewis-Palmer • El Paso 49, Falcon • Fremont Re-1, Canon City • Jefferson R-1, Lakewood • Larimer R-1, Poudre • Larimer R-2J-Thompson • Moffat RE-1 – Craig • Montrose RE-1J • Pitkin 1, Aspen • Pueblo 60 • Summit Re 1, Frisco • Weld 6, Greeley |
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Approved Early Access Plans for Multi-districts or BOCES Administrative Units	
Administrative Unit	Member Districts
Colorado River BOCES	Garfield 16, Grand Valley Garfield Re-1, Roaring Fork Garfield Re-2, Rifle Yampah Mountain School
Charter School Institute	All Member Schools
Gunnison RE-1J	Gunnison RE-1J Hinsdale County RE-1
Mesa County Valley District 51	Mesa 51, Grand Junction Plateau Valley District 50 DeBeque Joint District NO. 49
Mountain BOCES	Chaffee R-31, Buena Vista Chaffee R-32J, Salida Lake R-1 Leadville Park Re-2, Fairplay
Mt Evans BOCES	Clear Creek School, RE1, Idaho Springs Gilpin County School, Re-1 Central City Platte Canyon School, Platte Canyon
Northwest BOCES	Grand 1, Kremmling (West) Grand 2, Granby (East) Jackson R-1, Walden Routt Re 1, Hayden Routt Re 2, Steamboat Springs Routt Re3, Oak Creek
Pikes Peak BOCES	El Paso 22, Ellicott El Paso 23 Jt, Peyton El Paso 28, Hanover El Paso 54 Jt, Edison El Paso 60 Jt, Miami-Yoder El Paso RJ1, Calhan Elbert 100J, Simla Elbert 200, Elbert
Rio Blanco	Meeker Rangely
San Luis Valley BOCES	Alamosa Re-11J, Alamosa Alamosa Re-22 J, Sangre de Cristo Conejos 6J, Sanford Conejos RE 10, Antonito Conejos RE1J, La Jara



	<p>Costilla R-1, San Luis Costilla R-30, Sierra Grande Mineral 1, Creede Moffatt Consolidated School District #2 Upper Rio Grande School District C-7 Rio Grande C-8, Monte Vista Rio Grande Re-33J, Sargent Saguache 26 Jt, Center Saguache Re 1, Mountain Valley</p>
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<p>San Juan BOCES</p>	<p>Bayfield School District Montezuma-Cortez School District Ignacio School District Silverton School District Mancos School District Archuleta School District Dolores School District RE-4A Dolores School District RE-2J</p>
<p>Ute Pass BOCES</p>	<p>Teller Re-1 Cripple Creek Victor El Paso 14 Manitou Springs Teller Re-2 Woodland Park</p>
<p>Uncompahgre BOCES</p>	<p>Montrose RE-2, West End Ouray R-1, Ouray Ouray R-2, Ridgway San Miguel R-1, Telluride San Miguel R-2J, Norwood</p>