

*It is our mission in Gifted Education to transform the potential of gifted students through challenging and meaningful learning experiences so that the students may become creative producers and responsible problem solvers in a multicultural world.*



### **Purpose of Early Access:**

The purpose of Early Access is to identify and serve the FEW highly advanced gifted children who require comprehensive academic acceleration.

Provide curriculum, instruction and assessment aligned with the child's level of challenge.

Foster friendships and social-emotional growth closer to the child's developmental level.

Integration of early childhood and gifted instructional programs and expansion of access to kindergarten or first grade.

Early Access shall NOT be an acceleration pattern recommended for the majority of age 4 or age 5 gifted children who will benefit from preschool gifted programming that responds to the strength area of a particular child.

The standard for Early Access seeks indicators of exceptionality representing 98 percentile and above on standardized tests and functioning levels, typically two years or more above peers.



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# Early Access

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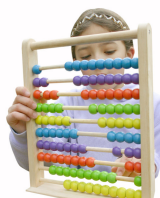


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# Early Access Important Facts

## What does Highly Advanced and Gifted Mean?

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.



## What is Early Access in Jeffco?

Early entrance to kindergarten or first grade for highly advanced gifted children under age six.

## Things to consider ...

Children for early access are exceptionally precocious and ready for school.

Academic achievement, reasoning ability, performance and motivation are keen compared to other gifted children.

Many young gifted children are ready for advancement in one area of development. Grade level acceleration may be considered at ANOTHER POINT in time.

## Early Access Prerequisites:

Strong support for early access when students are evaluated to be exceptional in aptitude/ cognitive reasoning, academics, school readiness and motivation.

The process for early access must use varied indicators and a body of evidence.

An early access process requires a positive support system provided by a teacher, administrator and family.

Longitudinal studies report that early access children excel academically, participate in extra-curricular activities, exhibit a strong positive concept and some may require acceleration again.

## HB1021 Fast Facts:

[http://www.cde.state.co.us/gt/download/pdf/FF\\_EarlyAccess.pdf](http://www.cde.state.co.us/gt/download/pdf/FF_EarlyAccess.pdf)

## This will benefit my child; what is next?

### Step 1: Contact:

**JEFFCO SCHOOLS Child Find Office at  
303-982-7247**



## What process will occur if I wish to explore Early Access for my child?

1. First, you will need to submit an application for Early Access; online submission at:  
[www.jeffcopublicschools.org/programs/gifted\\_talented](http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/programs/gifted_talented)
2. Call Child Find Office at 303-982-7247 to complete the intake form over the phone.
3. Once application submitted you will receive via mail:
  - A. Developmental History Form
  - B. Early Access Packet (with portfolio requirements) .
3. Remember to plan ahead application is due two weeks before spring break to allow time for portfolio completion and submission.
4. Return the Developmental History, Early Access Packet and Portfolio to Gifted and Talented:  
1829 Denver West Drive, Building #27, Golden, CO 80401
5. All Portfolios will be due by the Friday prior to Spring Break
6. Early Access Team will contact parents with completed and qualifying portfolios to schedule Cognitive testing.
7. Students that test in the 98% or above on Cognitive Testing will be scheduled for Achievement Testing.
8. Notification to all applicants regarding acceptance and non-acceptance will be sent to parents after Early Access Process in complete.

## Process Continued ...

9. Testing will cost \$250.00.  
Testing will occur in two sessions.
  - Session One: Please allow up to 2 hours
    - 1:1 cognitive testing
  - **AND**
  - Session Two: Please allow up to 2 hours
    - TEMA-3 (Test of Early Math Ability)
    - TERA-3 ( Test of Early Reading Ability)
    - Observable Play opportunity
10. An assessment team will review all testing data and determine if Early Access is a viable option for the child and will meet both academic and social needs of the child.
11. Acceptance into Early Access is always at the discretion of the school district.
12. A placement review team, will determine placement for the child, by the last school day in May.
13. Determination will be made regarding appropriate level of instruction:
  - Kindergarten for 4 year olds
  - First Grade for 5 year olds
13. An ALP (Advanced Learning Plan) will be written by September 30 of the school year for the child.
14. Ongoing monitoring will occur to assure that the child is progressing appropriately socially, emotionally and academically.

## Schools offering Early Access:

Coronado  
Hackberry Hill  
Kendrick Lakes  
Parmalee

GT Early Access follows Choice Enrollment process; transportation is not provided to Early Access location and is the responsibility of parent.



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