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PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

All district preschool programs shall comply with the rules established by the Department of Education and with rules for child-care centers established by the Department of Human Services.

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

In meeting its obligation to offer an individualized program for children with disabilities at age three, the district shall provide a special education preschool program at no cost to students who have been identified as disabled pursuant to applicable law.

UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL COLORADO (UPK) PROGRAM

In addition, when the District receives funding from the state to do so, the District shall participate as a provider in the Universal Preschool Colorado (UPK) program. The District shall adhere to the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC)'s quality standards for providers as articulated in state law and regulation.

OTHER CHILDREN WHO WISH TO ENROLL ON TUITION BASIS

In an effort to offer a well-rounded learning experience, the preschool program may be open on a tuition basis to students who have not been identified as disabled pursuant to applicable law or who are not eligible for the program because of factors listed above. The administration shall develop admission procedures that take into consideration space and staffing requirements.

DETERMINATION OF PRESCHOOL SITES

The Superintendent or designee shall have the right to determine where preschool sites shall be located within the District after consultation with the Chief Academic Officer or designee, the Chief Operating Officer or designee, and the school principal,

LEGAL REFS: C.R.S. 22-20-101 et seq. (Exceptional Children's Educational Act) C.R.S. 22-28-101 et seq. (Colorado Preschool Program Act)

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C.R.S. 22-32-119 (1) (requires establishment of kindergarten program)
C.R.S. 22-32-119.5 (full-day kindergarten phase-in plan)
C.R.S. 22-43.7-201 et seq. (full-day kindergarten capital construction funding)
C.R.S. 22-44-118 (full-day kindergarten reserve)
C.R.S. 22-54-103 (9.5) (definition of preschool enrollment)
C.R.S. 22-54-103 (10) (funding for kindergarten)
C.R.S. 22-54-108.5 (mill levy to fund full-day kindergarten)
C.R.S. 22-54-103 (131 (full-day kindergarten funding)
C.R.S. 26-6-102 (1.5) (definition of child care center)
1 CCR 301-8, Rules 2220-R-1.00 et seq. (Rules for the Administration of the Exceptional Children's Educational Act)

CROSS REFS: IHBA, Special Education Programs for Students with Disabilities