

13.0 PRE-KINDERGAREN EDUCATION PROGRAM

13.1 In meeting its obligation to offer an individualized program for children with disabilities at age three, the District shall provide a special education Pre-Kindergarten program at no cost to preschool-aged children with disabilities.

13.2 The district provides a Pre-Kindergarten program as part of the Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) for four (4)– and five (5)–year-old children who lack learning readiness due to significant family risk factors, who are in need of language development or who are receiving services from the Colorado Department of Social Services as neglected or dependent children. Parents/guardians wishing to have their children participate in this program shall make application to the School District. Participants then shall be selected on the basis of greatest need.

13.3 In an effort to offer a well-rounded and mainstream learning experience, the Pre-Kindergarten program may be open on a tuition basis to students who are not disabled or eligible for the program because of the CPP factors listed above.

13.4 The Superintendent of Schools shall cause to be developed a Pre-Kindergarten services plan to guide the operation of the district Pre-Kindergarten program.

Adopted:

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-28-101 *et seq.* (*Colorado Preschool Program Act*)
C.R.S. 22-20-101 *et seq.* (*Exceptional Children's Act*)
C.R.S. 22-54-105(4) (*At-risk funding*)
C.R.S. 22-45-103(1)(g) (*Preschool program fund*)
1 CCR 301-8, Rules 2220-R-1.00 *et seq.* (*Rules for the Administration of the Exception Children's Act*)

CROSS REFS.: I-18 Programs for Students with Disabilities