



Date

Pikes Peak BOCES
2883 South Circle Drive
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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in our Early Access to Kindergarten program. In order for your child to enter into early access she/he must be formally identified as Highly Gifted using criteria defined in the Colorado Exceptional Children's Education Act. Please be advised that your child must be 4 years of age for entering Kindergarten or 5 years of age by the state criteria of October 5th.

The process for Early Access begins by completing the enclosed application and you as the parent collecting a portfolio of work demonstrating exceptional abilities. I am enclosing the Kingore Observation Inventory for you to complete as part of the portfolio. For each area descriptor on the Inventory form, (for example, Advanced Language) please cite an example(s) of the characteristics as demonstrated by your child. You should then include a work sample for each area listed. Please share those work samples that you feel are most representative of your child's giftedness.

In addition to completing this form please include a letter of recommendation from your child's preschool teacher supporting your request. You may also include any other items you feel will provide us with a better understanding of your child's skills and giftedness. The letters, inventory and work samples become your child's portfolio.

The second step in the process is to obtain cognitive and achievement scores for your child. I have included a parent permission slip for you to sign so that a PPBOCES school psychologist can complete a cognitive and achievement assessment with your child. You have the option of getting this assessment from a private provider should you choose. This test typically takes about an hour and will be scheduled at the school. Please let me know if you have questions re: this assessment. The scores and learning profile from these tests will be shared with you at a meeting we will schedule once the portfolio and assessments are completed.

As soon as the portfolio is complete please call or email me to schedule a conference to discuss next steps in the process. A district GT review team will be with us in considering your child for early access to kindergarten. Should you have any questions please contact me at 719-622-2080.

Thank you for your interest in Early Access, I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Trish Reitinger

Gifted and Talented Coordinator
Pikes Peak BOCES

