COLORADO PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Superintendent shall appoint an advisory council that provides assistance and makes recommendations in implementing and coordinating a preschool program funded through the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program Act.

Membership

Membership on the advisory council will include but not be limited to the following:

1. Two parents of preschool children in the district preschool program
2. Two members of the business community
3. A representative from the health department
4. A representative from the department of social services
5. A representative from the county agency involved in job services and training
6. A representative from publicly funded early childhood education agencies located in the school district
7. A representative from a privately funded child care center located in the school district
8. A representative from the district Early Childhood Program.

It is also recommended that the committee have an elementary representative to aid with articulation coordination. Members are appointed for two-year terms and may be reappointed by the superintendent or designee. Any vacancy among appointed members will be filled by the superintendent or designee for the unexpired term.

Officers

Members of the council will elect a chairman for a one-year term, who may be elected to a second term.

Duties

Responsibilities of the district advisory council include:

- Recommending community-specific eligibility factors to the Board of Education, if they find local needs not covered by the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Act.

- Developing and distributing requests for proposals to local publicly funded early childhood education agencies and privately funded child care centers to determine who will provide program services, and recommending qualified providers to the local school board. This will be done at least every five years.
• Recommending to the local school board whether its program should be provided by the district or by publicly or privately funded providers, or some combination.

• Participating in the development of proposals to Colorado Department of Education requesting participation in Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program.

• Providing information and data for reports to the Colorado Department of Education on the program.

• Developing a comprehensive plan for the delivery of services. This plan must address the areas of quality of the program, staff development, family involvement, family support services, and program evaluation.

• Encourage training in-services with district Early Childhood staff and community providers using available community resources. The district may request ongoing training from Colorado Department of Education personnel as needed in order to promote successful implementation of the preschool program.

No action taken by the council will be final until approved by the Board of Education or designee.

Meetings

The advisory council will meet a minimum of six times per year.

In addition, members of the council will be encouraged to make at least two on-site visits per year to each non-district program participating in the Colorado Preschool and Kindergarten Program.

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