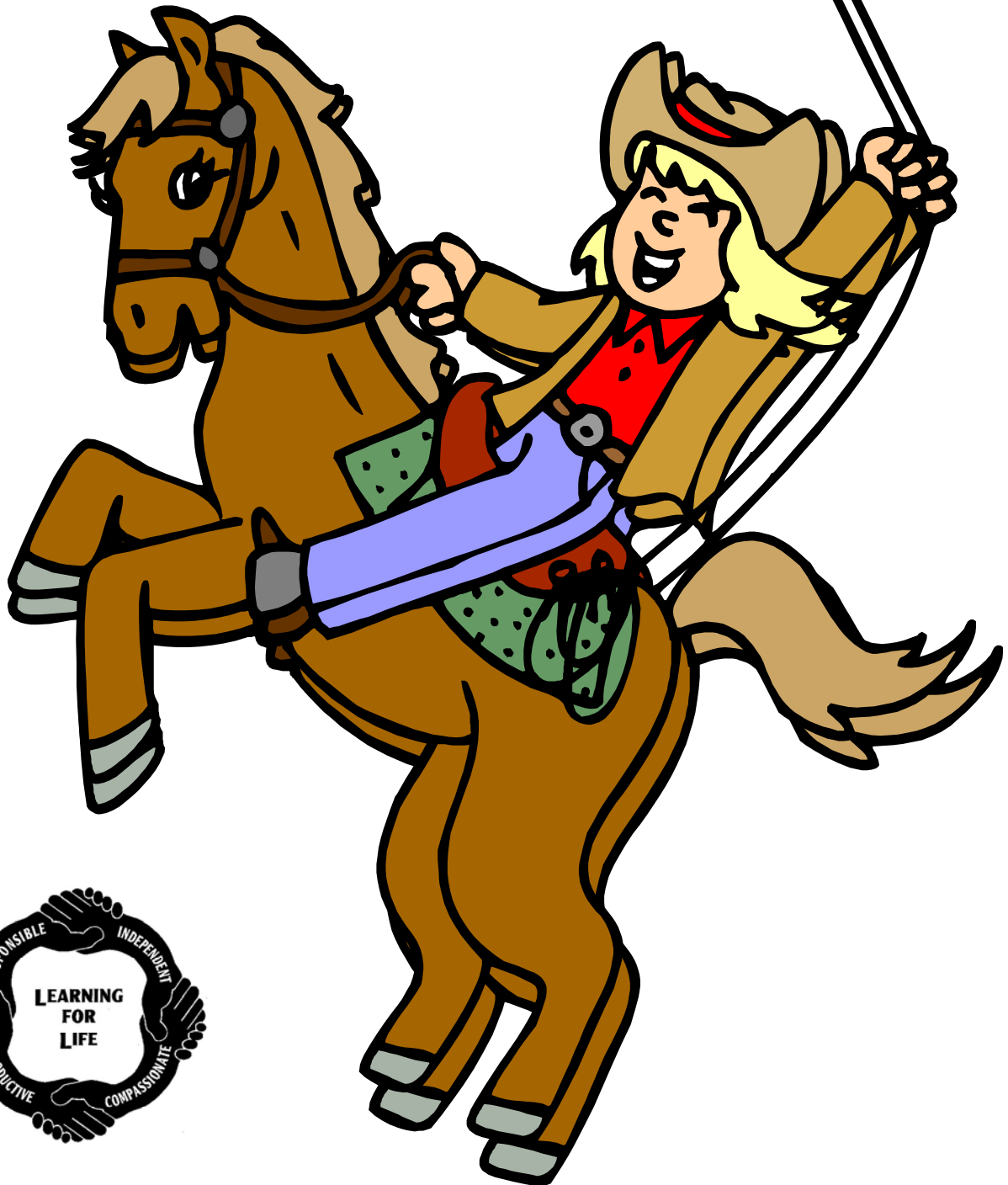


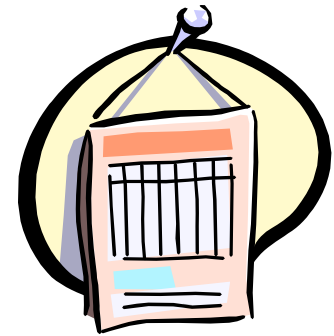
Cañon City Schools

**Kindergarten
Information Packet
For
2006-07 School Year**

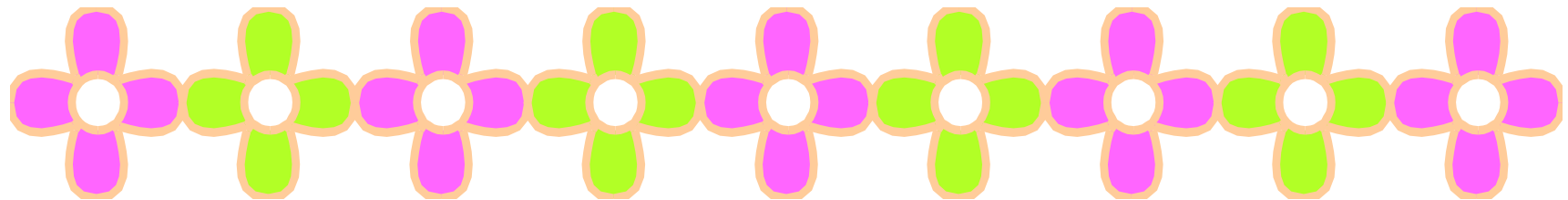
**Kindergarten Round-Up
April 25 – 27, 2006**



IMPORTANT DATES FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS



Date	Time	Activity	Location
April 25 – 27, 2006	Between 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM each day	Pre-Registration for Kindergarten	Neighborhood School
Thursday, April 27, 2006	3 PM	Last day during pre-registration to submit applications for Full day programs	Neighborhood School
Tuesday, May 9, 2006	Varies by school	Kindergarten Buddy Day	School where student will attend kindergarten
Mid August	<i>See school calendars – published in late April/early May</i>	Finalize kindergarten registration	School where student will attend kindergarten
1st Week of School	Arranged by school	Orientation to school/kindergarten – small groups	School where student will attend kindergarten



REGISTRATION CHECKLIST FOR KINDERGARTEN

The following items are **needed to pre-register** for **all** Cañon City Schools kindergarten programs:

- Basic information regarding child
 - o Address
 - o Phone Number(s)
 - o Parent/Guardian
 - o Emergency contact information
 - o Preschool program information
- Birth certificate or other official proof of birth date
- Social security number
- Immunization records



*In addition to the items above, the following items are also **needed to pre-register for full day kindergarten programs***

Required for program registration	District Fee-Based, Full Day	Colorado Full Day
Completed Application?	Yes	Yes
\$75.00 Deposit	Yes	No
Verification of Income	No	Yes

Comparison of Cañon City Schools Kindergarten Programs

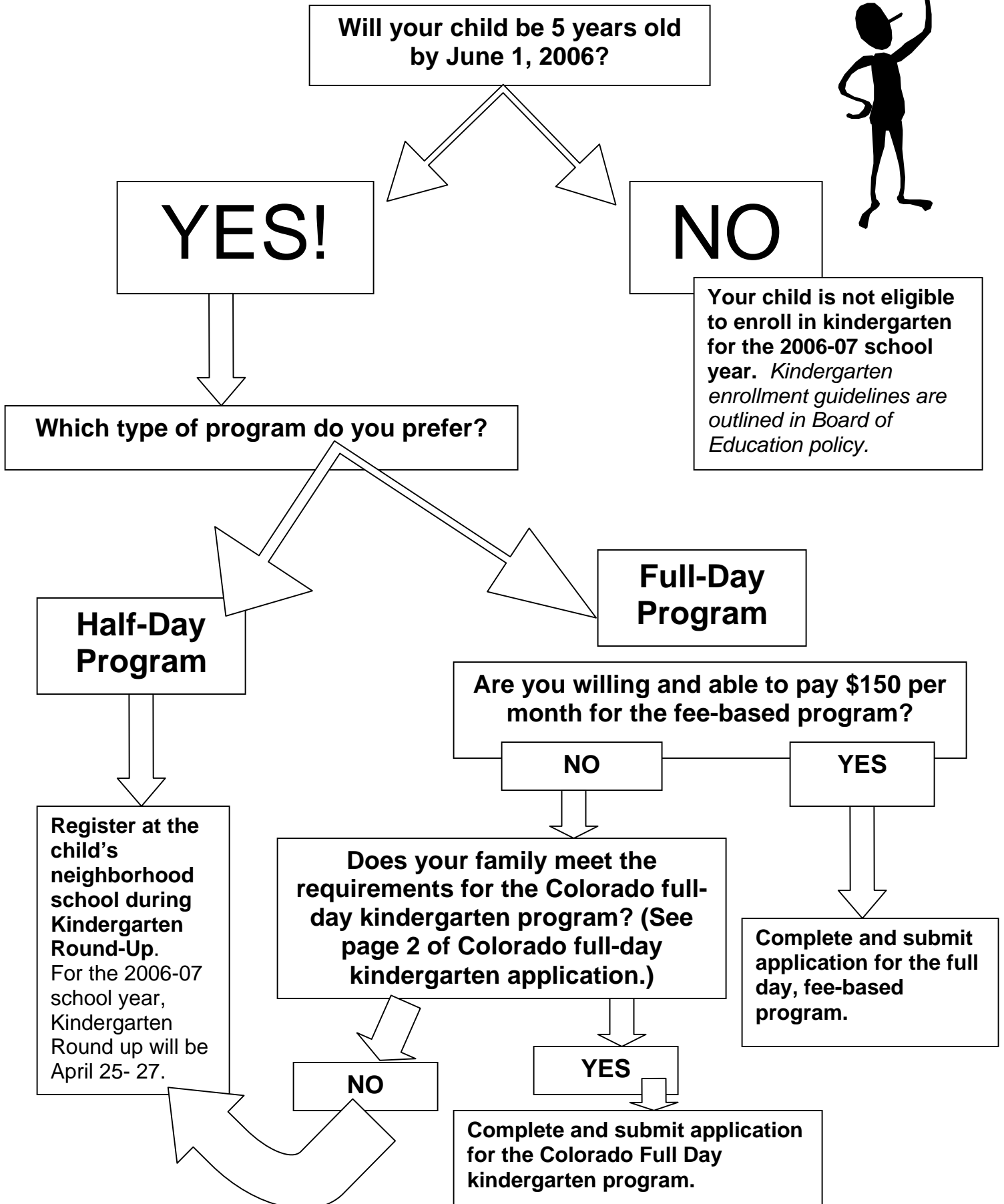
This chart shows the similarities and differences between the kindergarten programs offered at Cañon City Schools. An "X" indicates that the listed criterion applies to a particular kindergarten program.



	Half Day Program	Full Day Fee Based	Colorado Full Day Program*
➤ The program is available to any child who will be 5 years old on or before June 1, 2006 and resides within the Cañon City Schools boundary areas.	X	X	X
➤ Registration for this program is at the child's neighborhood school	X	X	X
➤ Child will attend neighborhood school	X	<i>Varies</i>	<i>Varies</i>
➤ Parent/guardian must provide transportation to and from the program.	X	<i>Varies</i>	<i>Varies</i>
➤ The foundational kindergarten curriculum is taught to students.	X	X	X
➤ The program provides enhancements to the foundational curriculum.		X	X
➤ The child may receive special education services, including speech therapy.	X	X	
➤ The child may participate in the school meal programs.	One meal per day	Breakfast and lunch	Breakfast and lunch
➤ This program has qualification requirements. In order to participate the child/family must meet the qualification requirements. (<i>Details are listed in the CO Full Day Program section of this packet</i>)			X
➤ Participation in this program requires home visits.			X
➤ An application must be completed and submitted to be considered for the program		X	X
➤ To reserve a slot in the program, a \$75.00 deposit must be submitted with completed application		X	
➤ This program requires a tuition fee of \$150 each month		X	

* *The Colorado Full-Day Program is funded through the Colorado Preschool Program, known as CPP.*

Cañon City Schools: Kindergarten Program Decision Making Flow Chart
REGISTRATION for 2006-07 School Year is April 25 – 27, 2006





Preparing Your Child For Full-Day Kindergarten

- If your child is taking long daily naps, try moving his/her bedtime up and shorten his/her napping time to an hour or less.
- Teach your child to manage his/her clothing independently (buckles, snaps, buttons, zippers).
- If needed, begin decreasing the amount of TV and video game time. Increase the creative/active play time and reading/drawing/writing time.
- Create a “study space” where your child can work and create. It is as simple as having a box of writing and drawing materials that can be brought to a table.
- Develop a habit of reading to your child daily — visit the Public Library.
- Write your child’s name on everything he/she will be bringing to school (backpacks, lunchboxes, jackets, boots, school supplies, etc.).



Canon City Schools

Full Day, Fee-Based Kindergarten at McKinley & Washington Schools 2006—2007 School Year

Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McKinley and Washington Schools
Number in Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order for the program to “make” at least 18 students must be enrolled. • Class size will not exceed 24 students
Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The monthly tuition for each student is \$150. • No scholarships are anticipated for the 2006-07 school year.
Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are available at all neighborhood schools, the Cañon City School Administration Office at 101 N. 14th Street, and in the Kindergarten Information Packet for the 2006-07 School Year. • Completed applications may be submitted to either the neighborhood school or the Cañon City Schools Administration Office. • The first date an application will be accepted is April 25, 2006, which coincides with the first day of Kindergarten Round-Up.
Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be considered for the program, a completed application and a \$75.00 deposit check must be submitted. • Selection for this program is based on a first-come, first-served basis.
Class Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, full day kindergarten students in this program follow the district school calendar. • During the first week of school, only a small group of children from the full day, fee-based program attend each day. The specific dates are scheduled at the building level during the August registration process.
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-day Kindergarten students may participate in the school breakfast and lunch programs.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation to and from this program is the responsibility of the parent. • Exception: <i>McKinley neighborhood children who reside outside the “walk zone” may ride district transportation.</i>
Acceptance	<p>This program requires a minimum enrollment of 18 students. In order to declare that the fee-based, full day program will be available during the 2006-07 school year, sufficient applications must be received during kindergarten round-up. If insufficient applications are collected during Kindergarten round-up, Cañon City Schools reserves the right to determine program availability until Fall 2006.</p> <p>Parents finalize full day, fee-based Kindergarten acceptance by taking their child to Buddy Day on May 9th and by completing the building level registration process in August.</p>



Canon City Schools

Full Day, Fee-Based Kindergarten at McKinley & Washington Schools 2006—2007 School Year

Submit Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications may be submitted as early as April 25, 2006.• <i>NOTE: While applications will be available after April 27th, the 48 slots for this program may be filled after Kindergarten Round-Up. A waiting list is maintained at the District Office.</i>
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Date and Time:

APPLICATION for 2006-2007 FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FEE-BASED PROGRAM (Program available at McKinley and Washington)

Please print legibly and complete all information.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND \$75 DEPOSIT TO EITHER, YOUR CHILD'S NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, OR, THE CAÑON CITY SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE at 101 N. 14TH STREET, CAÑON CITY, CO 81212

CHILD AND FAMILY INFORMATION

Child's Name (legal name) _____
First Middle Last

Child's Primary Address:

_____ *Address City State Zip Code*

Child Gender: (Circle response)

Female

Male

Child's Birthdate: _____
Month/Day/Year

Child's Age as of June 1, 2006: _____

Identify the pre-school program(s) your child has attended and the dates of attendance.

Preschool Program

Dates Attended

Early Head Start

First Steps Parents As Teachers

Head Start

Other: (please list)

List any special needs of child (such as health, speech therapy, special education, etc.):

Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

	MOTHER	FATHER
NAME		
ADDRESS		
Home Phone		
Work Phone		
Cell Phone		
Email		

SCHOOL AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Which school is your child's neighborhood school? _____

2. Check the box that best describes your choice for full day, fee-based kindergarten options.

- McKinley – 1st Choice, Washington – 2nd Choice
- Washington – 1st Choice, McKinley – 2nd Choice
- McKinley ONLY.
- Washington ONLY.

3. Program Details. Please read each statement carefully and initial each statement.

REGARDING TUITION PAYMENTS:

_____ I understand that there will not be any scholarships available during the 2006-07 school year to offset the monthly tuition fee. Therefore, I am solely responsible for the \$150 fee each month (September 2006 through May 2007).

_____ I understand that the monthly tuition fee of \$150 must be paid in full by the 15th of each month. Failure to pay the monthly tuition fee on time will result in a late fee charge of \$10.00 per month.

_____ If tuition payments continue to be delayed or defaulted, my child may be removed from the full-day, fee-based kindergarten program and enrolled in the half day program at our neighborhood school.

REGARDING TRANSPORTATION, SCHOOL MEALS, AND ENROLLMENT :

_____ It is my responsibility to provide transportation to and from the full day, fee-based kindergarten program, unless my child resides in the McKinley neighborhood area and is attending the McKinley full-day program.

_____ I understand that because my child is enrolled in the full day, fee-based kindergarten program, he/she may participate in the breakfast and lunch programs. *For details regarding the free and reduced lunch program, contact Paula Buser, Child Nutrition Services Manager at (719) 276-5814*

_____ I understand that my child is expected to return to his/her neighborhood school the following school year for first grade.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only: A deposit of _____ has been paid. Check _____ Cash _____

**HOW TO APPLY FOR “COLORADO FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM”
AT
LINCOLN AND SKYLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Take Application to your child’s neighborhood elementary school by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2006

Thank you for your interest in the “Colorado Full Day Kindergarten Program” at Lincoln and Skyline School. This program is funded by the Colorado Department of Education through Colorado Preschool Program and is at no charge to families who meet the requirements and are accepted. Please note the following conditions:

- By Colorado Law, children in special education who have Individual Education Plans are not eligible for this program, so please do not apply.
- Children from any elementary school may be accepted and attend.
- Transportation to and from the “Colorado Full Day Kindergarten Program” is the responsibility of the family. There are two exceptions. (1) A child who resides in the Lincoln neighborhood area and is selected to attend the Lincoln “Colorado Full Day Kindergarten Program” is eligible for transportation provided by the district. (2) A child who resides in the Skyline neighborhood area and is selected to attend the Skyline “Colorado Full Day Kindergarten Program” is eligible for transportation provided by the district.
- Due to the limited number of children who can be funded, only fully completed applications will be considered. Please use the checklist below to help you. “Colorado Full Day Kindergarten Program” only serves 30 total children, 15 children at Lincoln and 15 at Skyline.

STEP ONE: Register for kindergarten during the Kindergarten Roundup April 25,26,27 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at your child’s neighborhood elementary school.

STEP TWO: Complete the “Colorado Full Day Kindergarten Program” Application process following the checklist below.

- Fill out the entire Application, pages 1,2 and 3, answering all questions.
- Provide documentation of income (W2 Form, 2005 Income Tax Return, etc.) within the application.
- Agree to accept monthly home visits from the Parents as Teachers program by signing the agreement on page 3 of the Application. *Children in families who do not agree to home visits will not be selected.*
- Submit the completed Application to your child’s neighborhood elementary school or district office by the **deadline, Thursday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m.**

STEP THREE: Receive notification of your child’s acceptance.

Every attempt will be made to notify families prior to Buddy Day of the child’s acceptance into “Colorado Full Day Kindergarten Program” at either Lincoln or Skyline elementary school.

STEP FOUR: Finalize your child’s application by taking your child to Buddy Day at the selected school on May 9, 2006.

Buddy Day is a time when your child spends an hour in a kindergarten class to help prepare for his/her kindergarten experience in the fall. Parents participate in orientation during the time children are with their “Kindergarten Buddies” and finalize their commitment to the requirements of the “Colorado Full Day Kindergarten Program.”

QUESTIONS? Call your neighborhood elementary school or the Cañon City School Administrative Offices at: 719-276-5700.

Cañon City Schools

“Colorado Full Day Kindergarten Program” at Lincoln & Skyline Schools 2006—2007 School Year

Funding	The Cañon City School District has received special funding from the State Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) to offer 30 children from the Cañon City School District a full-day Kindergarten experience.
Location	Lincoln and Skyline Schools*
Number in Class	15 students each at Lincoln and Skyline funded by CPP will attend the morning session of Kindergarten and remain for lunch and the afternoon session. A teacher and paraprofessional will serve the 15 students at each elementary school in the afternoon.
Fee	There is no fee for the students selected for “Colorado Full Day Kindergarten Program.”
Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applications are ONLY available during Kindergarten Round Up at every Elementary School. Kindergarten Round up will be held on Tuesday, April 25, Wednesday April 26, and Thursday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ● Applications will only be accepted for children who live in the Cañon City School District. ● Application forms not fully completed will not be considered.
Selection	The children who are most in need of a full-day kindergarten to help them succeed in school will be selected. Need is based on answers to questions on the application form and family income status. <u>CHILDREN WITH IEPs ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. DO NOT APPLY IF YOUR CHILD IS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION, HAS AN INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN (IEP)</u>
Program Requirements	Monthly Home Visits from Parents As Teachers to bring ideas to help children learn at home is required.
Class Schedule	The calendar for the full-day kindergarten is different than the Cañon City School’s yearly calendar. The full-day program begins in September and ends earlier in May.
Meals	Full-day Kindergarten students will be eligible to have breakfast and lunch at school.
Child Care	In the past, the Recreation Department has sponsored Kid’s Club to provide before or after school child care, if needed. They will work out rates with participating families.
Acceptance	The District will select the 15 children for Lincoln and 15 children for Skyline and notify parents. Parents finalize “Colorado Full Day Kindergarten Program” acceptance by taking their child to Buddy Day on May 9.
Submit Application	Application MUST BE submitted during Kindergarten Round Up at your child’s neighborhood elementary school or the district office.
Final Deadline	3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2006

**Children enrolled in this program are expected to return to the neighborhood school for first grade.*

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Time Received: _____

Date Received: _____

“COLORADO FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM” APPLICATION FOR LINCOLN AND SKYLINE SCHOOLS 2006—2007 School Year

ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL - Please print legibly and complete all information.

Child's Legal Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

_____ Female _____ Male Child's Birthdate: ____/____/____ Age as of June 1, 2006: _____

Please list any preschool or early childhood program(s), which your child attended:

Early Head Start First Steps Parents As Teachers Head Start Special Education

Preschool/Childcare : _____ Dates Attended: ____/____/____ - ____/____/____

Was your child in the Colorado Preschool Program? _____ Yes _____ No

†Father's Education: _____ †Mother's Education: _____ (Highest Grade Completed)

Marital Status: ___ Married; ___ Divorced; ___ Separated; ___ Never Married; ___ Widowed

Total Number in Household: _____ Number of children living in the home: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____ Father's Occupation: _____

† Family's Annual Income: _____ (From 2005 Tax Returns)

† Father's Age at Child's Birth: _____; †Mother's Age at Birth: _____;

Total Pregnancies: _____; Was there prenatal care? ___ Yes; ___ No

Any problems during pregnancy? _____ Yes; _____ No If yes, please indicate.

Did your child have problems at birth or in the first few weeks of life? _____ Yes, _____ No If yes, please indicate. _____

Children are chosen by highest need. Please complete information about your family. If any of these apply, please check and give a brief description in the space provided.

- English is the second language for the child _____
- Child is in out of home placement (Foster Care or Relative Care) _____
- Child has serious health problems _____
- Poor social skills or behavior problems _____
- Frequent moves _____
- Homelessness
- Child's brother(s)/sister(s) have learning problems in school/have ILP or IEP
- Serious health issues of parents _____
- Terminal illness/death in family _____
- Drug and alcohol abuse in the family
- Parents have a mental illness or are disabled
- An abusive adult residing in the home of the child
- Domestic violence
- Parent in prison/jail
- Other: _____

My child's neighborhood elementary school is _____.

Mark one:

- Lincoln first choice; Skyline second choice
- Skyline first choice; Lincoln second choice
- Lincoln only
- Skyline only

My signature below indicates that I will accept monthly home visits from the Parents As Teachers Program and send my child to full day kindergarten regularly.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Name (Please Print): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Message Phone: _____

Father's Work Phone: _____

Mother's Work Phone: _____

**Lincoln and Skyline
“Colorado Full-Day Kindergarten Program” Agreement**

The “Colorado Full-Day Kindergarten Program” funded by the Colorado Preschool Program (CPP), has been established to provide scholarships for children to give them a “boost” in learning during their kindergarten year. This scholarship pays \$2,500 per year for your child to attend full-day kindergarten at Lincoln or Skyline school. We always have many children on the waiting list, so if you cannot meet the parent obligations listed below or your child is unable to fully participate, we may need to give the scholarship to another child. In order for the experience to be successful for your child and your family, there are several obligations that participating families must meet. These requirements are listed below as follows:

→Required to participate in two home visits per year by your child’s teacher and help prepare your child’s Individual Learning Plan.

→Required to participate in monthly First Steps Parents As Teachers home visits to extend kindergarten learning into your home.

→Notify the full day kindergarten teacher in writing if your child will miss more than 3 days of kindergarten or if you plan to move.

→Assure regular attendance by your child at kindergarten for approximately 7 hours/day, including breakfast and lunch. If your child is absent for more than 5 consecutive days or 10 cumulative days, or is consistently absent due to illness, a doctor’s note will be required. If absence is not due to illness and you have not provided a written notice to the teacher regarding an acceptable reason for absence, your child’s scholarship could be revoked from the full-day kindergarten program.

→Participate in your child’s kindergarten experience by: volunteering in the classroom if possible; attending parent/teacher conferences; and completing the school climate survey.

Your cooperation with the items listed above will help make your child’s kindergarten experience successful. Your signature below indicates your agreement to these requirements for the full-day kindergarten program.

Child’s Name

Social Security Number (Mandatory)

Parent’s Signature

Date

Kindergarten Teacher