

ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

FOR CURRENT ALPS STUDENTS AND NEW APPLICANTS TO THE PROGRAM

WHAT IS ALPS?

ALPS is the Accelerated Learning Program for Students. This is a magnet school program for children who master academic skills quickly and who require specialized learning experiences beyond the regular curriculum. Students attend full-time in one of our four ALPS magnet schools where they engage in appropriately paced and rigorous curriculum with an emphasis on depth, complexity, and creativity. ALPS serves students in grades 1-9.

WHO SHOULD TEST FOR ALPS?

Any student in Kindergarten-8th grade is eligible to apply. All students currently participating in ALPS and all new applicants are required to test for placement in the 2010-2011 ALPS program.

Students should be considered for the program if they:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate a vast knowledge base | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show creativity and originality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Make connections and intuitive leaps | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prefer depth and complexity |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Learn new things quickly | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Score above average on standardized tests |

WHICH SCHOOLS HOST THE ALPS PROGRAM?

Jordan Ridge Elementary	• 2636 West 9800 South, South Jordan	• Year-round schedule
Riverton Elementary	• 13150 South 1830 West, Riverton	• Year-round schedule
Westland Elementary	• 2925 West 7180 South, West Jordan	• Traditional schedule
Oquirrh Hills Middle	• 12949 South 2700 West, Riverton	• Traditional schedule

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 20, 2009

ALL applications which are received after this date will be placed into a pending file. Students will only be tested if there is space remaining in the program after initial placement is complete in March. If you are applying after the deadline **DO NOT** include the testing fee.

Please visit <http://t4.jordan.k12.ut.us/GandT/index.php> to view answers to commonly asked questions, and to receive more detail regarding the ALPS program and testing procedures.

An "Ask About ALPS" parent meeting will be held October 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Auxiliary Services Building Auditorium, on 7905 S. Redwood Rd, in West Jordan.

A \$35 testing fee is due with each ALPS application (checks payable to Jordan School District). *If you qualify for free and reduced lunch you may be eligible for a fee waiver.

Mail or hand deliver application and testing fee to:

JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, c/o ALPS, 7387 S. CAMPUS VIEW DR., WEST JORDAN, UT 84084

If you provide an E-mail address you will be sent E-mail confirmation upon receipt of application.

RETURN APPLICATION AND \$35 FEE TO DISTRICT OFFICE BY: NOVEMBER 20, 2009

Check: S F Amount: _____
CK# or R#: _____
Recorded: _____
Boundary School: _____
Student #: _____

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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM
Accelerated Learning Program for Students (ALPS)
Jordan School District • 2010-2011 School Year

PLEASE NOTE: APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE NOT COMPLETELY FILLED OUT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Application Date: ____/____/____

Teacher Recommendation Referral (Mandatory)

As part of the evaluation process a standardized rating form is sent to a teacher of your choice. The teacher must be a full-time teacher who currently teaches or has taught the student in the last two years.

Teacher's Name: _____ School: _____

*School Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

*Note: If the school is a part of the Jordan School District you do not need to provide the address.

School Currently Attending: _____ Track: _____ Current School District: _____

*First choice ALPS School: _____ *Second choice ALPS School: _____

*ALPS Schools: Jordan Ridge Elementary, Riverton Elementary, Westland Elementary, Oquirrh Hills Middle

*Present Grade: K | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8

*Students must have completed an accredited kindergarten program prior to the 2010-2011 school year in order to participate in the ALPS testing process.

GRADE LEVEL CHILD IS APPLYING FOR (2010-2011 School Year): | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9

Child's Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Sex: M F

Street Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Father's Name: _____ Home Phone: () _____ Cell/Work Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Home Phone: () _____ Cell/Work Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Guardian's Name (if different than parents): _____ Home Phone: () _____

Notification of a need for special consideration or testing accommodations must be given PRIOR TO TESTING. Students in need of special considerations that may impact the outcome of testing including students with:

- Learning disabilities (ADHD, Aspergers Syndrome, Autism, etc.) or
- Language barriers

Failure to provide notification/documentation of a student's special needs prior to testing will forfeit an appeal based on that need.

Please indicate need for special consideration & accommodations: _____

Does your child currently have an IEP or receive special education services? _____

ALPS TESTING SIGN-UP

ALPS testing this year requires each student to participate in 3 testing sessions. Students will be tested using 3 different tools:

- 1) CogAT - Cognitive Abilities Test
- 2) Above grade level IOWA assessment test in language arts and math
- 3) Student Development Survey

For details about the tests being administered please visit <http://t4.jordan.k12.ut.us/GandT/index.php>

Students testing for grades 1-5 will test at:
MAJESTIC ELEMENTARY
7430 S. REDWOOD ROAD (1700 W.)

Students testing for grades 6-9 will test at:
WEST JORDAN MIDDLE
7550 S. REDWOOD ROAD (1700 W.)

Please note that these schools are adjacent to each other and share a parking lot.

- Families can select whichever sessions of testing are most convenient, as long as one session for each portion of the test is selected. You do not need to select the same testing session for each test. For example, if you can only test on Saturdays you could take CogAt - Session 1, Language Arts - Session 3, Math & Student Survey - Session 2. If you have to test all in one weekend, you can arrange the sessions accordingly.
- Testing availability is on a first come first serve basis. Spaces are limited in each testing session. Space is not guaranteed in your preferred sessions.
- Parents should plan on staying at the school for the duration of the test.

Please select the dates you would like your student to take each session of testing.

CogAT - Please select one of the 3 available sessions.

Check one ✓	Testing Session	Date	Time (testing times are approximate)
	Session 1	Saturday, December 5, 2009	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
	Session 2	Friday, December 11, 2009	4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
	Session 3	Saturday, December 12, 2009	1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LANGUAGE ARTS (ABOVE GRADE LEVEL) - Please select one of the 3 available sessions.

Check one ✓	Testing Session	Date	Time (testing times are approximate)
	Session 1	Thursday, December 3, 2009	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Session 2	Saturday, December 5, 2009	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
	Session 3	Saturday, December 12, 2009	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

MATHEMATICS (ABOVE GRADE LEVEL) & STUDENT SURVEY - Please select one of the 3 available sessions.

Check one ✓	Testing Session	Date	Time (testing times are approximate)
	Session 1	Friday, December 4, 2009	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Session 2	Saturday, December 5, 2009	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
	Session 3	Thursday, December 10, 2009	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

MY STUDENT WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING TESTING SESSIONS:

CogAT: Session _____

Language Arts: Session _____

Math & Student Survey: Session _____

Parent Signature _____

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MUTUAL AGREEMENT FORM

ALPS TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To be licensed as a teacher with a Gifted and Talented Endorsement.
2. To attend Professional Development opportunities, such as the yearly ALPS retreat and networking meetings.
3. To use ALPS Curriculum, which is a combination of on and above-grade level Utah State Core Curriculum, and higher level thinking skills and problem-solving training.
4. To implement a program which allows each child to work to his/her potential.
5. To allow each child to express him/herself creatively and constructively by providing a variety of processes and products from which students choose.
6. To share expertise by teaching some units to each other's classes as appropriate.
7. To encourage the pursuit of in-depth study at an appropriate independent level.
8. To attempt to maintain the health and safety of each child.
9. To meet with parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences, and be available for consultation by appointment.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To have your student attend ALPS if they qualify.
2. To attend Parent/Teacher Conferences.
3. To volunteer to assist with the program either at home or at school (schedule to be worked out with individual teachers).
4. To provide transportation for your child and to ensure that children in carpools arrive on time and are picked up promptly.
5. To help your student become responsible for homework assignments.
6. To ensure student attendance is regular.
7. To keep children at home when they have communicable diseases and to make sure that work is made up.
8. To cooperate with teachers to ensure the best possible education for each child.
9. To notify the ALPS program at the district office immediately if you decide for any reason not to have your child participate.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To follow the Code of Conduct in the ALPS school.
2. To maintain satisfactory work or better.
3. To independently maintain satisfactory behavior or better.
4. To attend school regularly and be on time.
5. To do your best work and turn it in on time.
6. To be a responsible member of the class, the grade, and the school community.

I have read and understand the Mutual Agreement Form.

Student Signature

Date

I have read and understand the Mutual Agreement Form.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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ALPS STUDENT REEVALUATION POLICY

Although the Accelerated Learning Program for Students (ALPS) attempts to screen candidates carefully, it sometimes becomes necessary to reevaluate a student's placement in the program. At times it is in the best interest of the student to return to a traditional school program. For this reason the following procedures have been established:

A STUDENT'S PLACEMENT IN THE ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS (ALPS) MAY BE JEOPARDIZED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. Noncompliance with established policies of the Jordan School District and designated ALPS school,
2. Consistent, unsatisfactory academic ratings,
Standard: Satisfactory or higher academic achievement/homework complete
3. Habitual disorderly behavior,
Standard: Satisfactory citizenship or above is required
4. Consistent absence or tardiness,
Standard: No more than 10 per year
5. Continued lack of self-motivation and independent work habits,
6. Consistent noncompliance with the provisions of the Mutual Agreement Form, or
7. Neglecting to provide transportation for your child and/or ensuring that children in carpools arrive on time and are picked up promptly.

PROCESS FOR REEVALUATION OF ALPS STUDENTS

- Parents of a student with **any of the above problems** will be contacted by the teacher, principal or counselor. Appropriate interventions will be implemented. If documented interventions are unsuccessful, a formal conference will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.
- The problems will be discussed, and a period of three weeks will be allowed after the conference to resolve the problem. Expected behavior will be agreed upon by student, parent(s), teacher, principal or counselor, and Jordan District ALPS Coordinator.
- After the probationary three-week period, a second conference will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.
- If the problem or problems have not been resolved, the student's place in the program will be reviewed by the ALPS teachers, principal or counselor, parents and Jordan District's ALPS Coordinator.
- After reviewing the data, the ALPS team will endeavor to come to consensus and make a decision in the best interest of the student. If the school and ALPS Coordinator recommend transfer, the student will be removed from the program.

PROCESS FOR APPEAL

- Parents may request an appeal hearing at the Jordan School District Office within three school days of the dismissal notification. In the event of an appeal, the student may remain at the ALPS school pending the resolution of the appeal.
- The Jordan District Appeals Committee, appointed by the Jordan Board Administration, will hear presentations by the ALPS staff and parent or parents. The screening committee will make the final decision.

I have read and understand the ALPS Student Reevaluation Policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

The information provided on this form will not be used to evaluate your student for ALPS.
If placed in the program this information will be given to your ALPS teacher.

Student's Name: _____ Grade Applying For: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Home Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Name: _____

Student's Special Interests: _____

Student's Special Skills: _____

Student's Special Needs/Challenges: _____

Student's Primary Language: _____

Language(s) Spoken in Home: _____

The following information is to inquire if there are any special skills either parent would be willing to share at school.

Father's Occupation/Special Interests and Skills: _____

Mother's Occupation/Special Interests and Skills: _____

Please indicate if either or both parents is interested in volunteering at home or at school.

Father Mother Other: _____
