

**ADVANCED LEARNING PLACEMENT FOR STUDENTS (ALPS)
2017-2018 APPLICATION for PLACEMENT in the 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

*For All **NEW** Applicants to the ALPS Program and for Current ALPS Students in **3rd Grade and 6th Grade***

What is ALPS?

- ALPS is the Advanced Learning Placement for Students program. It is a magnet school program for children who master academic skills quickly and who require specialized learning experiences beyond the regular curriculum.
- Students attend school full-time in one of 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 kindergarten through 8th grade student interested in participating in the ALPS program beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.
- Current 3rd and 6th grade ALPS students who wish to continue in the program in 4th grade and 7th grade.
- Please note: Testing is for *Space Availability Only* for new students testing for 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th, and 9th grades.

Which schools host the ALPS Program?

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

Testing Dates and Locations

- All testing will be conducted in January 2018. Please see the application for complete details.

Parent Information Meeting

- An optional "Ask About ALPS" information meeting is offered for parents new to ALPS.

Tuesday, November 28, 2017
Auxiliary Services Building, Auditorium
7905 S Redwood Road (1700 W)
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
(The auditorium is located at the far north end of the building.)

Additional Information

- Please visit <http://gandt.jordandistrict.org> for more information about the ALPS program and testing procedures.

Application

- The ALPS application is available online at <http://gandt.jordandistrict.org>. The application form can be saved to your computer, then filled-in and printed for submission to the Jordan School District Curriculum Department. Please save the application to your computer as your information will not be saved on the online form.

Testing Fee

- A \$35 testing fee is due with each ALPS application. Please make your check or money order payable to Jordan School District ALPS or pay by debit/credit card (not American Express) at the front reception desk.
- If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you may be eligible for a fee waiver. Please attach a copy of the verification letter from Nutrition Services with your application.

Application Deadline: December 15, 2017

Please submit your application to the Curriculum Department in the Jordan District Office Building.
7387 South Campus View Drive, West Jordan, UT 84084

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE

ALPS PLACEMENT PROCESS

Qualifying for ALPS

The ALPS placement process is composed of three parts:

1. A parent recommendation in the form of this application
2. Above grade-level Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) in reading and math
3. On grade-level Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)

Testing Dates and Location

Students Testing For
3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Placement

Wednesday, January 17, 2018
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
(Iowa Assessment)

AND

Thursday, January 18, 2018
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
(CogAT Assessment)

Majestic Elementary
7430 S Redwood Road (1700 W)
West Jordan, UT

Students must attend both sessions of testing.

Students Testing For
1st and 2nd Grade Placement

Friday, January 19, 2018
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
(Iowa Assessment)

AND

Saturday, January 20, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
(CogAT Assessment)

Majestic Elementary
7430 S Redwood Road (1700 W)
West Jordan, UT

Students must attend both sessions of testing.

Students Testing For 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade Placement

- Testing will be conducted in an online format at local schools during the regular school day throughout the month of January.
- Alternative arrangements will be made for students who do not attend a Jordan District school.
- During the first week of January, parents will be notified of the week during which testing will be conducted at specific schools.
- Make-up testing for these grades will also be conducted at the local school during the regular school day.

Important Information for Parents of Students Testing for 1st – 6th Grades

- A parent or guardian is required to stay at Majestic Elementary during the testing sessions.
- Test times are approximate and students will finish the assessments at different times.
- For security reasons, parents are not allowed in the halls during testing. Please stay in the gymnasium and a test facilitator will bring your child to you when testing is completed.
- A parent information meeting, geared towards parents new to ALPS, will be held in the school gymnasium at 5:30 p.m. during the testing session on Wednesday, January 17, and at 5:00 on Friday, January 19.
- Please consider having your child eat a healthy snack before coming to the test site. No food or drink is allowed in the testing rooms. Restroom and water fountain drink breaks are given during testing sessions.

ALPS Testing Make-Up Day

Make-up testing is reserved for students who are sick or who have extenuating circumstances that prevent them from testing on the original day. Only **one** testing session can be made up during make-up testing.

Date: Monday, January 22, 2018
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Place: Majestic Elementary

Please contact the ALPS office if extenuating circumstances will prevent testing during both original testing sessions.

ALPS APPLICATION
 Advanced Learning Placement for Students
 Testing for Placement in the 2018-2019 School Year

Office Use	Credit Card Receipt _____
Cash _____	Check # _____
Boundary School:	_____
Student #:	_____

Application Date: ____/____/____

Student Information

What grade is the student in currently? K ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ 5 ___ 6 ___ 7 ___ 8 ___

Please Note: Students must be enrolled in and on course to complete an accredited kindergarten program prior to the 2018-2019 school year in order to participate in the ALPS testing process for placement in first grade in the 2018-2019 school year.

Student Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

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

Ethnicity: American Indian or Alaskan Native _____ Asian _____ Black or African American _____

Hispanic/Latino _____ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander _____ White _____ Other _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School Currently Attending _____ Track _____

Currently in ALPS? Y ___ N ___ If yes, which school? _____

Does applicant have siblings in ALPS or at an ALPS school? Y ___ N ___ Which school? _____

Does applicant have siblings who are testing for ALPS? Y ___ N ___ For which grade? _____

Elementary School Choice

Please initial your first-choice school: Jordan Ridge _____ Riverton _____ Westland _____

If there is no space available in your first-choice school, will you be willing to accept placement in another school?

_____ Yes, I will be willing to accept placement in a school other than my first choice.

_____ No, I only want to be considered for placement in my first-choice school.

If you would be willing to accept placement in a school other than your first choice, please indicate your preferences.

Please initial your second-choice school: Jordan Ridge _____ Riverton _____ Westland _____

Please initial your third-choice school: Jordan Ridge _____ Riverton _____ Westland _____

Please note: After initial placements, students placed on the waiting list will be offered open seats as they become available in any school.

Parent/Guardian Information

Email Address _____
Please enter the email you check most often. This will be the primary way we will contact you throughout the testing process.

Father's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell/Work _____

Mother's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell/Work _____

Guardian's Name (If Different Than Parents)

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell/Work _____

Do you reside in Jordan School District? Y ___ N ___ If yes, what is your boundary school? _____

Please note: If you reside outside of Jordan District you are welcome to apply for the ALPS program. However, please be aware that if your child qualifies for ALPS, he/she will only be placed in the program after all qualifying Jordan District residents have been placed.

Special Considerations

Does your child currently have an IEP or receive special education services? Y ___ N ___

What was the first language that your child learned to speak? _____

Which language is used most often by your child? _____

What language is most often spoken in your home? _____

List any special circumstance you would like to declare. _____

Office Use Only

Parent Recommendation

Student Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

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

What gifted and talented traits have you observed in your child? (Check boxes and/or write on the lines.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Has an expanded vocabulary | <input type="checkbox"/> Has keen powers of observation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asks many questions; is inquisitive | <input type="checkbox"/> Expresses ideas well |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is interested in how things work | <input type="checkbox"/> Has long-term recall of information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shows persistence | <input type="checkbox"/> Likes to solve puzzles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Displays creativity and originality | <input type="checkbox"/> Likes independence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adapts to new situations | <input type="checkbox"/> Has a highly developed sense of humor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notices relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematically inclined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibits quick mastery of skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Makes connections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can be very sensitive | <input type="checkbox"/> Can exhibit perfectionist tendencies |

What additional talents and/or interests does your child exhibit? (Check boxes and/or write on the lines.)

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Service-oriented | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |

Mutual Agreement

ALPS TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Teachers will be licensed as an educator with a Gifted and Talented Endorsement or be working towards obtaining a Gifted and Talented Endorsement.
- Teachers will attend networking meetings and other professional development opportunities.
- Teachers will use ALPS Curriculum, which is a combination of on and above-grade level Utah Core Standards, higher level thinking skills, problem-solving training, integration, and differentiation.
- Teachers will implement a program which allows each child to work to his/her potential.
- Teachers will allow each child to express himself/herself creatively and constructively by providing a variety of processes and products from which students can choose.
- Teachers will share expertise by teaching some units to other classes as appropriate.
- Teachers will encourage the pursuit of in-depth study at an appropriate independent level.
- Teachers will attempt to maintain the health and safety of each child.
- Teachers will meet with parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences, and be available for consultation by appointment.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Parents will attend Parent/Teacher Conferences and communicate with the teacher at other times as needed.
- Parents will volunteer to assist with the program either at home or at school as their schedules will allow. (Schedule to be determined with individual teachers.)
- Parents will provide transportation for their children to the ALPS school and ensure that children in carpools arrive on time and are picked up promptly.
- Parents will ensure student attendance is regular and on time.
- Parents will help their children become responsible for homework assignments.
- Parents will notify the ALPS program at the district office immediately if they decide for any reason not to have their children participate in ALPS.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Students will follow the Code of Conduct in the ALPS school.
- Students will maintain satisfactory classwork or better.
- Students will maintain satisfactory behavior or better.
- Students will attend school regularly and be on time.
- Students will be a responsible member of the class, the grade, and the school community.

I have read and understand the Mutual Agreement.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

I have read and understand the Mutual Agreement.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

ALPS Student Reevaluation Policy

Although the Advanced Learning Placement for Students (ALPS) program 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 his/her neighborhood school. For this reason, the following procedures have been established.

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

- Noncompliance with established policies of the Jordan School District and ALPS schools
- Consistent, unsatisfactory academic ratings
 - *Standard – Satisfactory or higher academic achievement and homework completion*
- Habitual disorderly behavior
 - *Standard – Satisfactory citizenship or above*
- Continued lack of self-motivation and independent work habits
- Consistent noncompliance with the provisions of the Mutual Agreement contained in the ALPS application

PROCESS FOR REEVALUATION OF ALPS STUDENTS

- Parents of a student with any of the concerns listed above 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 concern(s) will be discussed, and a period of three weeks will be allowed after the conference to resolve the concern(s). Expected behavior will be agreed upon by the student, parent(s), teacher, principal and/or counselor, and the Jordan District Gifted and Talented Consultant.
- After the probationary three-week period, a second conference will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.
- If the problem(s) have not been resolved, the student's place in the program will be reviewed by the ALPS teacher, principal and/or counselor, parent(s), and the Jordan District Gifted and Talented Consultant.
- After reviewing the information, the above team will endeavor to come to consensus and make a decision in the best interest of the student.

PROCESS FOR APPEAL

- Parents may request an appeal hearing at the Jordan School District Office within three school days if there is dismissal notification. In the event of an appeal, the student may remain at the ALPS school pending the resolution of the appeal.
- The Jordan School District Appeals Committee will hear presentations by the ALPS staff and parent(s). The Appeals Committee will make the final decision.

I have read and understand the Reevaluation Policy.

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Signature Required

- I have read and understand the dates and other information for testing for ALPS placement in the 2018-2019 school year.
- I understand that a parent must remain at the school during testing at Majestic Elementary School.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____