

ADVANCED LEARNING PLACEMENT FOR STUDENTS (ALPS)

2022-2023 APPLICATION for PLACEMENT in the 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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, where they engage in an appropriately paced and rigorous curriculum emphasizing critical thinking, depth, complexity, and creativity.
- ALPS serves students in grades 1-9.

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR ALPS?

- Any Kindergarten through 8th grade student interested in participating in the ALPS program beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.
- All current 3rd grade ALPS students will need to reapply for the program.
- Testing is for **Space Availability Only** for new students testing for 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th, and 9th grades.

WHICH SCHOOLS CURRENTLY HOUSE THE ALPS PROGRAM?

Jordan Hills Elementary	Elk Ridge Middle School
Riverton Elementary	Hidden Valley Middle School
Westland Elementary	Joel P. Jensen Middle School

TESTING DATES

- ALPS testing will be conducted from February - March 2023 during the school day at students' schools.
- Testing dates for applicants outside the Jordan District will be during the same time frame.
- Current Jordan District 6th grade students will participate in the universal CogAT testing during the school day. Testing is scheduled for November - December 2022. Data received from this testing will be used for placement in the ALPS program.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

- An optional "Ask About ALPS" information meeting will be offered for parents new to ALPS on the following dates:
 - Wednesday, November 9, 2022 / 6:00-7:00 p.m. (In Person Meeting)
Auxiliary Services Building, 7905 S Redwood Rd, West Jordan, Entrance C.
 - Wednesday, November 16, 2022 / 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Zoom Meeting)
See <https://gandt.jordandistrict.org> for the Zoom link 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

ALPS APPLICATION

- A fillable PDF application is available at <https://gandt.jordandistrict.org/alps/testing/>
- 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.
- Pay by check, money order, or credit card in the Teaching & Learning Department (7905 S Redwood Road, Entrance D).
- Payment can also be made online through https://jordansdut.governmentwindow.com/estore/district_office/testing.html
 - If paying online, include the confirmation number on your receipt with the application.
- Fee waivers are available for those who qualify for free/reduced lunch.
 - Please attach a copy of the verification letter from Nutrition Services with your application.

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

- Bring your application to the Teaching and Learning Department (7905 S Redwood Road, Entrance D).
- OR
- Email your application to ALPSapplications@jordandistrict.org
 - Please save your application to your computer, as your information will not be saved on the online form.
 - Be sure to include the payment confirmation number when submitting online.

Application Due Date: Friday, December 9, 2022



ALPS TESTING AND PLACEMENT PROCESS

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE

QUALIFYING FOR ALPS

The ALPS placement process is composed of three parts:

- A parent recommendation in the form of this application
- Above grade-level Iowa Assessment in reading and math
- On grade-level Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)

On average, students who qualify for the ALPS program place at or above the 90th percentile in national scoring.

ALPS TESTING

The assessments are administered to Jordan District applicants during the school day and at the school they attend. The testing will be administered between February - March 2023.

If your child does not currently attend a Jordan District school, alternative testing arrangements will be made. You will be contacted in January with scheduling options.

TEST RESULTS AND PLACEMENT NOTIFICATION

Middle School Applicants:

- Notification for 7th grade placement will be sent in early January 2023.
- Notification for 8th and 9th grade placement will be sent in early March 2023.

Elementary Applicants:

- Placement notification will be sent for all elementary grade placement in April 2023.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact the ALPS office with any questions you may have:

Rebecca Smith, Administrator
801-567-8368

Camille Kartchner, Administrative Assistant
801-567-8138

Frankie Walton, Teacher Specialist
801-567-8319

Taryn Cox, Teacher Specialist
801-567-8468

ALPS APPLICATION

Advanced Learning Placement for Students

Testing for Placement in the 2023-2024 School Year

Payment Record

Cash Receipt # _____ Check # _____

Credit Card Confirmation # _____

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 in the 2022-2023 school year in order to participate in the ALPS testing process for placement in first grade in the 2023-2024 school year.

Student Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

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

Ethnicity: (Mark all that apply) 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 _____

Is the applicant currently in ALPS? Y ____ N ____ If yes, which school? _____

Does the applicant have siblings in ALPS? Y ____ N ____ If yes, in which school(s)? _____

Does the applicant have siblings who are testing for ALPS? Y ____ N ____ If yes, for which grade(s)? _____

Elementary School Choice

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

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

____ No, I only want my first-choice ALPS school. ____ Yes, I will be willing to accept placement in another ALPS school.

If yes, please indicate your 2nd and 3rd choice schools: Jordan Hills _____ Riverton _____ Westland _____

Designated ALPS Middle School

Elk Ridge: Copper Mountain, Elk Ridge, Mountain Creek, South Jordan

Hidden Valley: Fort Herriman, Hidden Valley, Oquirrh Hills, South Hills

Joel P. Jensen: Joel P. Jensen, Sunset Ridge, West Hills, West Jordan

Of note: If you would like to attend ALPS at a middle school other than the school designated for your boundary area, you must apply for a permit to the middle school. Please contact the middle school of choice for more information.

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.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell/Work _____

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

Please note: Qualified applicants residing outside of Jordan District will be offered placement only after all qualifying Jordan District residents have been placed.

Additional Information

Does your child currently have an IEP, 504, 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

Boundary School

Student Number

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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.)

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| <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 interests does your child exhibit? (Check boxes or write on the lines.)

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| <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 educators 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 themselves 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 provide a positive and inclusive learning environment.
- 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 ensure student attendance is regular and on time.
- Parents will help their children become responsible for homework assignments.
- Parents will notify the ALPS office if they decide not to have their children participate in ALPS.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Students will follow the Code of Conduct at 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.

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 REEVALUATED 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 a 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. The student may remain at the ALPS school pending the appeal resolution.
- 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 understood the Reevaluation Policy.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____