



ENROLLMENT POLICY GENERAL

With regard to enrollment procedures, Alongside Academy will open enrollment to students in K-5th grade desiring to enroll in the Alongside Academy program for the 2025/2026 school year.

Space permitting, all students who are residents of Colorado are eligible to attend Alongside Academy. Alongside Academy will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic background, national origin, gender, disability, or age.

The State of Colorado dictates that students may only be enrolled in one publicly funded program at a time. If enrollment at Alongside Academy is desired, you may not be enrolled in any other publicly funded programs in Colorado. It is the parent's responsibility to determine if their student is already enrolled in a publicly funded program.

Alongside Academy seeks to provide an Authentic Learning experience to a diverse body of students and honor students with disabilities by cultivating a safe and successful learning place. As a homeschool enrichment program, Alongside Academy is not required to service student IEPs but will accommodate all students with IEPs and 504 Plans. We believe that every student is capable of learning and achieving growth, and Alongside Academy shall assist with the provision of special education and/or related support services on a case by case basis.

Alongside Academy grants enrollment priority to siblings of currently enrolled students, to the children of Alongside Academy board members, and to the children of staff members.

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Alongside Academy offers program information made public through marketing, social media, and word of mouth. Open enrollment for the 2025/2026 school year will begin March 31, 2025. Offers typically continue until the end of August of the school year or

until all seats are filled. Families desiring to enroll their student will complete an online waitlist enrollment form. **Enrollment is offered on a first come, first serve basis.** The Director sends periodic waitlist status updates and will contact you if Alongside Academy has an offer for you. If you decline an enrollment offer, your child will be removed from the waitlist. Please keep your contact information up-to-date. Any requests for information, updates, and offers will be sent to the email on file. If we do not hear from you regarding an offer, your child will be removed from the wait list.

Alongside Academy enrolls all students based on birthdate, not traditional grade. In order to be eligible to enroll in Alongside Academy, students must turn five by October 1, 2025.

After classes are fully enrolled, the school will maintain a wait list for each grade, as required. If the Director chooses to fill a vacant seat, he/she will draw from the first name on the waitlist, moving down the wait list until the position is filled. If there is no wait list, vacant seats will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

HSE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT PREREQUISITES:

Those of you who intend to enroll your child/children into the Alongside Academy HSE Program need to follow the below Enrollment Prerequisites. It is critical that you, as a parent, understand that to enroll in Alongside Academy, you must officially declare an [intent to homeschool](#) with the State of Colorado's Board of Education. This intent to homeschool applies to both homeschooled children as well as those who elect to educate in any way other than enrolling in the public school system, such as a private school or homeschool co-op.

Understand that whatever route a family takes to educate their child, public, private, or otherwise, it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure their child is educated. Therefore, it is Alongside Academy's goal to provide supplemental enrichment to each child's education and not to be utilized as a replacement of or in lieu of a child's education. Please see the enrollment prerequisites and more information on homeschooling in Colorado below.

Homeschool enrichment programs are supplemental programs for your child's educational and social needs. These programs are designed to work in conjunction with homeschooling and offer children an opportunity to interact with others near their age.

We offer a variety of activities at Alongside Academy in order to provide these opportunities.

A child may only be enrolled in one homeschool enrichment program, and only if not also enrolled in a full-time public school. **Under Colorado law, in order to homeschool, a notification of intent to homeschool must be provided to a school district office (not CDE).** A form to declare homeschooling for your child may be found [here](#). It must be submitted when enrolling your child in any of these homeschool enrichment programs. Guidance on the notice and other applicable requirements are included at the following web address: <https://www.edreenvisioned.org/Page/381>