Colorado Military Academy

Early Access Process

**March 1 – April 1, 2021 Open Enrollment for 2021-22 School Year**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Activity | Required Results | Cost | Deadline |
| Before you Begin | Fill out the Expression of Interest form for the school year desired online at coloradomilitaryacademy.org/registrar. | Notifies the registrar to hold a seat for your student. |  | Must submit before beginning the application process. |
| Step One | Turn in application and portfolio of student work, and current teacher evaluation to CMA | Adults who work with student must find that student is highly advanced gifted | $10  ($5 for FRL) | March 1 to April 1, 2021 |
| Step Two | Gift & Talented Coordinator contacts parent and sets up CMA Kindergarten/First Grade screening with Kindergarten or First Grade teacher. | CMA team must find student to be in the 97th percentile | No Cost | Within 72 business hours |
| Step Three, if qualified above | CMA team of Kindergarten-Second Grade teachers review portfolio and screening results | Student demonstrates 97th percentile or above on screening; portfolio shows highly advanced giftedness. |  | Within 2 school days of screening |
| Step Four if qualified | School conducts testing in the following areas:   * Achievement (Math, Reading, Writing) * Aptitude (Cognitive – age appropriate tool such as COGAT) * Performance (SIGS, GES, GRS) * Readiness, Social Behavior, and Motivation | Results analyzed by a team to include school leader, teachers, school psychologist and others – student must be at or above 97th percentile | $150 | Within 45 days of start of process |
| Final Step | Letter of Determination – student does or does not qualify and why | From school |  | Within 60 days of start of process |
|  | If parents / guardians do not agree with findings, they can appeal to CMA’s Board. If they do not agree with the findings of the Board, they can appeal to CSI, the school’s authorizer. See the CMA parent handbook for contact information. |  |  |  |
| Fall | Early Access students will receive a written Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) and periodic monitoring at the beginning of the school year. |  |  | August – beginning of the school year |

For questions about Early Access contact the Registrar at registrar@cmacs.org.