

## Early Access for Kindergarten or First Grade

House Bill 08-1021 created the opportunity for Colorado administrative units to accelerate **highly advanced** gifted children under age 5 for kindergarten and/or under age 6 for first grade. San Juan BOCES School Districts will offer early access to kindergarten or first grade in the upcoming school year to support students who are evaluated to be exceptional in aptitude/cognitive reasoning, academics, school readiness and motivation. The purpose of early access is to identify and serve the few highly advanced gifted children who require comprehensive academic acceleration and is not recommended for the majority of 4 or 5 year olds.

For details about the application process, contact Nisia Patalan, San Juan BOCES Gifted Education Coordinator, at [npatalan@sjboces.org](mailto:npatalan@sjboces.org). Applications are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Applications will be reviewed by a San Juan BOCES Early Access team, and families will be notified of the decision on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>.