

## ADVANCED LEARNING PLACEMENT FOR STUDENTS

# STUDENT APPLICATION FORM 2013-2014

*For Current 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade ALPS Students and NEW Applicants to the Program*

### What is ALPS?

ALPS is the Advanced Learning Placement for Students program. This 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? *(2013-2014 program)*

- **Current** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade ALPS students who wish to remain in the program
  - Kindergarten students interested in ALPS beginning in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2013
  - Any student in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who are interested in participating in the ALPS program
- Please Note: Students testing for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, please be aware that testing is for **SPACE AVAILABILITY ONLY***

### Which Schools Host the ALPS Program?

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

### Testing Dates

November 15-16-17, 2012

### Parent Information Meeting

An "Ask About ALPS" parent meeting will be held on October 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auxiliary Services Building Auditorium: 7905 S. Redwood Road, in West Jordan. The auditorium is at the northern end of the building.

### Additional Information

Please visit <http://gandt.jordandistrict.org/> to view answers to commonly asked questions and to receive more detail regarding the ALPS program and testing procedures.

## Application Deadline: **November 1, 2012**

**(All applications must be completed and delivered to the Curriculum Office at the Jordan School District office building by 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2012)**

### Application Online

The ALPS application is available online at [www.gandt.jordandistrict.org](http://www.gandt.jordandistrict.org). The application form can be saved to your computer, then filled in and printed for submission via mail or personal delivery to the Curriculum office. Please remember to 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, and hand-deliver or mail the payment to the address below. *If you qualify for free and reduced lunch you may be eligible for a fee waiver.*

Jordan School District, c/o ALPS  
7387 S. Campus View Drive  
West Jordan, UT 84084

# Student Application Form

Advanced Learning Placement for Students (ALPS)  
Jordan School District • 2013-2014 School Year

**Please Note:** Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Payment:  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_  
Boundary School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
For Office Use Only

Application Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Student Information

**\*\*What grade is this student in currently:**

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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*Student must have completed an accredited kindergarten program prior to the 2013-2014 school year in order to participate in the ALPS testing process.*

Student Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Sex:  M  F

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Track \_\_\_\_\_ Currently in ALPS?  Y  N

Are there siblings in the ALPS program?  Y  N Where? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Siblings of ALPS students may request a change of school permit to attend the same school as the ALPS student.

**School Choice** Elementary applicants: **Jordan Ridge, Riverton and Westland.**

Middle School applicants: **Oquirrh Hills.**

First Choice School \_\_\_\_\_ \* Second Choice School (read below) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Important Note:** If your child is accepted into the ALPS program and you are offered your second choice school, it is because there is **no** room at your first choice school. We offer a second choice placement instead of **NO** placement in the program. There are times when this may result in siblings being placed at two schools. We endeavor to keep families together, but it is not always possible. If you are not willing to have students at more than one school, do not choose a second choice school. Please note: There is no bus service for elementary ALPS students.

## Parent/Guardian Information

**Email Address:** Please enter the email you check most often. This will be one of the primary ways we will contact you throughout the testing process.

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name (if different than parents)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you reside within Jordan School District?  Y  N

**Out-of-District?** If you reside outside of Jordan District you are welcome to apply for the ALPS program. If your child qualifies for the program, he/she will only be accepted after all Jordan District residents have been placed.

## Special Consideration

Notification of a need for special consideration or testing accommodations must be given **PRIOR TO TESTING**. Students in need of special considerations that may impact the outcome of testing may include learning disabilities (such as Aspergers Syndrome, Autism, ADHD, etc.) or language barriers. Failure to provide notification/documentation of a student's special needs prior to testing will forfeit an appeal based on that need.

Please indicate need for special consideration & accommodations: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child currently have an IEP or receive special education services? \_\_\_\_\_

## Teacher Recommendation (Mandatory)

As part of the evaluation process, a standardized rating form is sent to a teacher of your choice. They must be a full-time teacher who currently teaches or has taught your child in the last two years. **We will contact the teacher.**

Teacher's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address (if outside of Jordan District) \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# ALPS Testing

## ALPS Tests

ALPS testing requires each student to participate in all 3 testing sessions. Students will be tested using 3 different tools:

- 1 – CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test)
- 2 – Above grade level IOWA assessment in language arts and math
- 3 – Student Development Survey

For details about these tests, please visit <http://gandt.jordandistrict.org/>

## Testing Sites (by grade level)

Students testing for grades 1-3 will test at:

Majestic Elementary

7430 S. Redwood Road (1700 W.)

Students testing for grades 4-9 will test at:

West Jordan Middle

7550 S. Redwood Road (1700 W.)

*Note: Majestic Elementary and West Jordan Middle School are adjacent to one another and share a parking lot. If you have children testing at both locations, you will be able to park at one school and walk to the other.*

## Testing Dates (Please Note: Students must attend all three sessions.)

Testing Session	Date	Time <i>(testing duration is approximate)</i>
Language Arts <i>(above grade level)</i>	Thursday, November 15, 2012	4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Math <i>(above grade level)</i> Student Survey	Friday, November 16, 2012	4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
CoGat	Saturday, November 17, 2012	8:00 am – 10:30 a.m.

**Important:** Parents should stay at the school for the duration of the test. During the IOWA and Student Survey tests, test times are approximate and students will end testing at different times. Please stay in the auditorium and the test facilitator will bring students to you. For security reasons, parents are not allowed in the halls during testing.

## Parent Information Meeting

A parent information meeting, geared towards parents new to ALPS, will be held during testing on Thursday, November 15 at 5:00 in the West Jordan Middle School auditorium.

## ALPS Testing Make-Up Day – Monday, November 19, 2012

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

## Signature Required

- I have read and understand the dates that ALPS tests are to be given for the 2013-2014 placement in the ALPS program.
- I understand that a parent must remain at one of the schools during testing.
- I understand that while a make-up day is available, it is reserved for extreme circumstances and that only one test may be made up that day.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# MUTUAL AGREEMENT FORM

## ALPS TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To be licensed as a teacher with a Gifted and Talented Endorsement.
2. To attend Professional Development opportunities.
3. To use ALPS Curriculum, which is a combination of on and above-grade level Utah Core Standards, higher level thinking skills and problem-solving training.
4. To implement a program which allows each child to work to his/her potential.
5. To allow each child to express himself/herself creatively and constructively by providing a variety of processes and products from which students can choose.
6. To share expertise by teaching some units to other classes as appropriate.
7. To encourage the pursuit of in-depth study at an appropriate independent level.
8. To attempt to maintain the health and safety of each child.
9. To meet with parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences, and be available for consultation by appointment.

## PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To have your student attend ALPS, if they qualify.
2. To attend Parent/Teacher Conferences.
3. To volunteer to assist with the program either at home or at school (schedule to be determined with individual teachers).
4. To provide transportation for your child and to ensure that children in carpools arrive on time and are picked up promptly.
5. To help your student become responsible for homework assignments.
6. To ensure student attendance is regular and on time.
7. To keep children at home when they have communicable diseases and to make sure that work is caught up.
8. To cooperate with teachers to ensure the best possible education for each child.
9. To notify the ALPS program at the district office immediately if you decide for any reason not to have your child participate in ALPS.

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To follow the Code of Conduct in the ALPS school.
2. To maintain satisfactory work or better.
3. To independently maintain satisfactory behavior or better.
4. To attend school regularly and then be on time.
5. To do your best work and turn it in on time.
6. To be a responsible member of the class, the grade and the school community.

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*I have read and understand the Mutual Agreement Form.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read and understand the Mutual Agreement Form.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# ALPS Student Reevaluation Policy

Although the Advanced Learning Placement for Students (ALPS) 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 a traditional school program. For this reason, the following procedures have been established.

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

1. Noncompliance with established policies of the Jordan School District and designated ALPS schools
2. Consistent, unsatisfactory academic ratings  
*Standard: Satisfactory or higher academic achievement and homework completion*
3. Habitual disorderly behavior  
*Standard: Satisfactory citizenship or above is required*
4. Consistent absence or tardiness  
*Standard: No more than 10 unexcused absences and 10 unexcused tardies per year*
5. Continued lack of self-motivation and independent work habits
6. Consistent noncompliance with the provisions of the Mutual Agreement Form
7. Neglecting to provide transportation for your child and/or ensuring that children in carpools arrive on time and are picked up promptly.

## PROCESS FOR REEVALUATION OF ALPS STUDENTS

1. Parents of a student with any of the above problems 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.
2. The problem(s) will be discussed, and a period of three weeks will be allowed after the conference to resolve the problem. Expected behavior will be agreed upon by student, parent(s), teacher, principal and/or counselor, and the Jordan District Gifted and Talented Consultant.
3. After the probationary three-week period, a second conference will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.
4. If the problem(s) have not been resolved, the student's place in the program will be reviewed by the ALPS teachers, principal and/or counselor, parents and the Jordan District's Gifted and Talented Consultant.
5. After reviewing the date, the above team will endeavor to come to consensus and make a decision in the best interest of the student. If the school and Gifted and Talented Consultant recommend transfer, the student will be removed from the program.

## PROCESS FOR APPEAL

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

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*I have read and understand the ALPS Student Reevaluation Policy.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# Student Information Form

The information provided on this form will not be used to evaluate your student for ALPS. If placed in the program, this information will be given to your ALPS teacher.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Applying For \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Special Interests \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's Special Skills \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's Special Needs/Challenges \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's Primary Language \_\_\_\_\_ Language Spoken in Home \_\_\_\_\_

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**The following information is to inquire if there are any special skills either parent/guardian would be willing to share at school.**

Father/Guardian's Occupation/Special Interests and Skills \_\_\_\_\_

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Mother/Guardian's Occupation/Special Interests and Skills \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate if either or both parents are interested in volunteering at home or at school.

Father       Mother       Other \_\_\_\_\_