

## Alternative Kindergarten Program Sites

### Location 2025-2026

Location information will be coming soon.



Registration for an AK screening is made through our online registration system on our district website.

[crschools.us/students-and-families/enroll-register/kindergarten-enrollment/](https://crschools.us/students-and-families/enroll-register/kindergarten-enrollment/)

Your child “must” be registered for kindergarten at their resident school and must be turning 5 between June 1st - September 15th of the new school year.

**For More Information call 319-558-2247**

## Alternative Kindergarten

### 2025-2026 Suggested School Supply List

Supplies will not be shared  
We also welcome reused or recycled supplies.

- Backpack no wheels
- Crayola Crayons 24 count 3 packs
- Crayola markers 1 pack wide
- Dry erase markers 4 pack in black
- Eraser 1 pink
- Folders 4 vinyl 2 pocket plain with 3 prongs
- Glue sticks 2/4 packs
- Earbuds/headphones
- Kleenex 2 boxes
- Pencils 2/24 pack of Ticonderoga brand
- Scissors Fiskars brand 1 pair (rounded tip)
- Large bath or beach towel
- Pencil box (no requirement)




#### **Non Discrimination Policy**

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## Alternative Kindergarten Informational Brochure



  
**Cedar Rapids  
Community School District**  
*Every Learner. Future Ready.*

**2025-2026  
School Year**

## Top 10 Questions to Ask Yourself About Your Child:

- Does my child like to play with other children?
- Does my child initiate conversations with others?
- Is my child willing to share materials?
- Is my child afraid of new situations and environments?
- Can my child easily accept “no” for an answer?
- Can my child keep his or her hands to self?
- Does my child show an interest in learning letters and numbers?
- Can my child sit attentively when being read to?
- Does my child show good self-control?
- Does my child have preschool experience?

If you answered **“yes”** to these questions your child is most likely ready for kindergarten.

If you answered **“no”** then here is more information about our AK Program.

## What is Alternative Kindergarten?

Alternative Kindergarten is a full day program that gives your child the “gift of time;” allowing them to grow socially and emotionally before starting kindergarten.

Children must be screened to determine eligibility and must be turning 5 years old between June 1st - September 15th of the new school year.

Once your child completes their AK school year they will return to their resident school for kindergarten.

## What is the AK Philosophy?

### **I can...**

#### **Literacy Foundational Skills**

- Identify and say rhyming words
  - Say the letter sounds
  - Write letters for sounds in words
  - Show how a book works
  - Point to words as I read
  - Retell parts of a story
  - Use new words and phrases I have learned
  - Use writing in a variety of ways
- \*These are a sample of the kindergarten literacy expectations. Alternative Kindergarten students will follow all kindergarten literacy standards.

#### **Physical Development**

- Cut curves, corners, and shapes
- Draw a self-portrait.
- Write my first name.

#### **Math**

- Name 10 colors (red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple, black, white, brown, pink).
- Name 4 shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle).
- Name numbers 0-20.
- Count to 50.
- Count 15 objects.
- Make a pattern.
- Sort objects 2 ways.

#### **Student Behavioral Expectations**

- Strive for high quality products and outcome. (Personal Best)
- Listen attentively and speak appropriately. (Active Listening)
- Show tolerance and regard for people, property, and ideas. (Respect)
- Follow directions and procedures, and be dependable. (Responsibility)
- Be truthful, reliable, and choose to do the right thing. (Trustworthiness)

## Alternative Kindergarten Expectations

- AK provides for varying rates of growth and development and respects children’s internal time-table.
- All children can learn and succeed.
- Different levels of ability are expected, valued, and accepted.
- AK respects the child’s individual development by offering a variety of opportunities to enhance the development of the whole child.
- The AK program provides a balance of both teacher-directed and child-selected activities, active and quiet activities, and large group, small group and individual activities.
- AK provides a strong emphasis in social skills; teaching children to develop and maintain meaningful relationships.
- Positive guidance with firm, consistent procedures for behavior helps children develop self-control and learn to take responsibility for their actions.
- Teachers and student work together to gather data, plan instruction, take action, evaluate learning and continue to improve.

