

## Admissions FAQ

**Q: What kind of school is Vertical Skills Academy and what kind of students does it serve?**

A: Vertical Skills Academy is a private, non-profit [501 (c)(3)], independent day school serving students in grades 1-8. All of our students have been diagnosed (or have a documented history) with a Language Based Learning Difference, such as Dyslexia. Our students have average to exceptional abilities but have not reached their academic potential in traditional educational settings.

**Q: How do I apply to Vertical Skills Academy?**

A: Vertical Skills Academy has a 3 Step Application Process beginning with a scheduled tour. If you have questions or would like to request more information, please email [info@verticalskillsacademy.org](mailto:info@verticalskillsacademy.org) or call 303-562-1900

**Q: Is everyone who applies accepted?**

A: No, we are selective in our admissions process to ensure that we can appro the students we accept meet our narrow enrollment criteria at Vertical Skills Academy.

**Q. What makes Vertical Skills Academy different from other schools?**

A: All of our teachers are trained in Literacy instruction and Orton-Gillingham methodology, therefore all classes are language-based, multisensory, structured, sequential, cumulative, cognitive, and flexible.

**Q: Do you provide transportation?**

A: We do not provide bus transportation, but many of our families have arranged carpools from outside of the Evergreen Mountain Area. We are also conveniently located 5 minutes from I-70 and the Evergreen Exit just 20 minutes West of Golden, CO.

**Q: What is your average number of students per classroom?**

A: We keep our classes small at a ratio of 1:6 students or fewer. Often groups are 1- 3 for direct instruction.

**Q: What is your application deadline?**

A: Vertical Skills Academy has rolling admissions and accept applications year round.

**Q: Do you offer financial aid?**

A: Yes, Vertical Skills Academy offers limited scholarship based on financial need and superior academic performance.

**Q: Does Vertical Skills Academy administer the testing required for application?**

A: No, students must have a professional evaluation by a Licensed Psychologist, and/or significant documentation from previous schools.

**Q: Do you offer Before and After School Programs?**

A: No, not at this time. However, Evergreen Parks & Recreation Department offers before/after care as well as transportation through their independent programing. Families will need to contact them for further information.

**Q: How do I schedule a visit to your school?**

A: Informational meetings, student shadow days and tours are scheduled by appointment only. Please call 303-562-1900 or email [info@verticalskillsacademy.org](mailto:info@verticalskillsacademy.org) to schedule an informational tour.