

Dear Everest Point families,

We have news we wish we did not have to send, and we would rather you hear it from us now than wonder about it in the weeks to come.

Our start dates are very likely moving. **Students will likely not be starting on August 19.**

Here is exactly why:

Colorado's new law changed the rules for publicly funded homeschool enrichment programs. Every program now has to be authorized by the state before it can operate, including ones like ours that have been running successfully for years. We applied. So did 41 other programs through ERBOCES.

In early July, CDE reviewed those applications and sent all 42 back as incomplete, requesting more detail. They had to be resubmitted, which restarted the state's review clock. CDE now has until roughly August 24 to approve or deny.

That date is after our originally planned start date. We are not permitted to operate until we are authorized.

What this means for students right now:

Enrolled students continue to have a secure spot in our program. We are continuing to accept new enrollments until we reach our capacity.

Your children's education continues at home in the meantime, exactly as it does in any homeschool year. Nothing about your responsibilities as the primary educator changes during this gap, and your notice of intent stands.

We encourage enrolled families to have a plan for the weeks of August 19 through early September and try to remain flexible on the planned start date.

What happens next:

If we are approved on or near August 24, we would be looking at a start in the first week of September, roughly three weeks behind schedule, which would push our calendar out a bit.

We will continue to update families with current information from CDE as soon as we receive it.

Please reach out with any questions at all.

Everest Point Admin Team