



Dear Prospective Teacher Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the Friends Teacher Preparation Program (TPP) for the 2021-22 school year. We are currently accepting applications for teacher candidate positions in either Elementary (K-6th) or Early Childhood Education (Preschool-3rd). Please refer to our website for more specific information about our program, including the application process and preparation steps to take with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).

As part of the teacher preparation program, our candidates work alongside a mentor teacher in the classroom Monday through Thursday. Fridays are spent together as a cohort, where teacher candidates participate in lectures, hands-on workshops, learning labs and active discussions. After successfully completing the year, the candidates apply for their Colorado Initial Teacher License through CDE in either Elementary or Early Childhood Education, qualifying them to teach in public or independent schools in Colorado. If accepted into the licensure program, teacher candidates are also able to participate in an optional Master's (MA) degree program offered by the University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver) through a partnership with Friends TPP. There are additional costs for the MA, which are paid directly to CU Denver.

We are excited to share that we partner with several schools in Boulder County and the surrounding area to best prepare our teacher candidates for a career in education. Friends TPP supports you in the placement process where we work to find the best possible match with one of our amazing Mentor Teachers, whom you will learn from and work with side-by-side for an entire year.

Please note that in order for you to participate in any Alternative Teacher Licensing Program in Colorado, including Friends, you must pass the appropriate PRAXIS exam (for our purposes this is the Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects exam #5001 or the Education of Young Children exam #5024), complete a background check, and receive an Alternative License from CDE. For detailed information on the process, please see the link to CDE Requirements on our site.

If you are interested in participating in our Teacher Preparation Program, please complete the Friends School TPP online application. Candidates who submit their online application will be notified of next steps within a month of their application submission date. A follow up interview may be scheduled.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 303-499-1999 or email tpinfo@friendsschoolboulder.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Hart".

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