



Support for Justice-Engaged Students

Academy of Arts and Knowledge is committed to making sure every student — including students who are involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system in any way (adjudication, probation, ticketing, detention, diversion, commitment, or community supervision) — has full access to a quality education and a clear path to graduation.

Under Colorado law (HB 24-1216), justice-engaged students and their families have specific rights and can count on the following support from our school:

Our Point of Contact

Michelle Malvey 📞 970-226-2800 ✉️ mmalvey@aakelementary.org

This is your first call for anything related to enrollment, re-enrollment, or support while your student is involved with the justice system. We aim to respond to any inquiry within 3 business days.

What We Provide

- **Prompt enrollment or re-enrollment** — within 10 business days of your first request, so long as your student is eligible.
- **Privacy** — conversations about your student's case are kept confidential and out of view of other students.
- **Full access to school activities** —CLC, sports, clubs, dances, and family engagement events remain open to your student; if a safety plan is needed to support participation, we'll build one together with your family.
- **Support for students with an IEP, 504 plan, in foster care, or experiencing homelessness** — these protections continue to apply in full.
- **Evaluation for gifted identification**, if appropriate, as part of your student's re-entry review.
- **Connection to our student support team (MTSS)** — to build a support plan around your student's academic, social, and emotional needs.
- **Referral to additional resources**, including the statewide Justice Engaged Youth hotline (*coming soon*) and community-based services.



Getting Started

If your student is returning to school after any involvement with the justice system, reach out to our point of contact above as soon as possible. We'll schedule a meeting with you and your student to review academic records, confirm placement, and put a support plan in place — no student will be denied enrollment without the school first exploring every alternative.

Learn More

For more on your student's rights under Colorado law, visit the Colorado Department of Education's guidance page: [CDE Justice-Engaged Youth Guidance](#)