



MAY 2023

Cougar News

Upcoming Events

MAY

May 11th 5:00pm - 6:00pm

- 5th grade open house

May 20th 8am-2pm

- Garage Sale

May 24th

- 8th grade promotion 9:30-11am (parents invited)
- Last day for 8th grade students

May 25th

- Last day for 6th & 7th grade students

Dear Thornton Middle Families,

Happy May! We cannot believe this year is coming to an end. We are incredibly proud of the work our students' have accomplished. May is chock full of celebration and culminating events in an effort to honor the brilliant efforts of our kids. We look forward to spending time with you and your child during these celebrations.

As we close the year, be on the lookout for community events and academic support from local organizations including Anything Library, Northglenn and Thornton Recreation Centers and more. Thank you for amazing support and partnership this year. Happy May!

Thank you,

The Administration Team
Thornton Middle School
2022-2023



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8th Grade Promotion



Wednesday May 24th 9:30-11:00am

Dear 8th grade Thornton Middle Families,

We are so excited to celebrate your student finishing 8th grade and heading off to high school next year. On Wednesday, May 24th it is their last day of school and we have an awards ceremony planned for the morning that we want to invite you to attend! We also have fun activities for the rest of the day for them after the ceremony. You can choose to sign your student out after the awards ceremony in the gym with our office staff, or they can stay to enjoy activities with their peers until the end of the school day.

Reminder

Wednesday May 24th

8th grade students only,
no school for 6th & 7th
grade students. Normal
arrival for 8th grade
students - 9:00am

Thursday May 25th

Last day of school for
6th & 7th Grade
Students only. No 8th
grade students.



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Thornton Middle School Open House



Date: May 11, 2023

Location: Thornton Middle School Cafeteria

Time: 5:00-6:00 pm

Purpose: We want to welcome upcoming 6th grade students to Thornton Middle School. Students and parents will learn about policies, procedures, curriculum, and extracurricular offerings.

Schedule:

5:00-5:15 pm Presentation by principals and mental health team in the cafeteria

5:15-5:30 pm Second presentation by principals and mental health team in the cafeteria

5:30-6:00 pm Dinner/food served in cafeteria

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Parents, Teachers and Students

You are invited to participate in **the Thornton Middle School 2nd annual Garage Sale**. You can rent parking spaces for **\$10**. Any items that you bring and sell is your profit to keep. You only need to spend **\$10** to reserve your spot. Spaces are limited; please contact Ms. Laura at 720-972-5176 before May 17nd to pay and reserve your space!

When: Saturday May 20

Where: The stadium parking lot behind the school.

Time: 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

For More Information: Ms. Laura at 720-972-5176



Check out what our students are doing!

Battle Of The Books



Our staff sponsors, Mr. O'Toole & Ms. Mariotti took 12 Thornton Middle school students to the district battle of the books competition. While we did not win the overall competition, we by far had the most students participating! It was a great night. We are proud of our 22 students who were consistently reading with the Battle of the Books club this semester! Great job TMS!

8th Grade ELA - DCPA Field Trip

Our 8th grade ELA students had the amazing opportunity to experience live theater.

8th Grade Language Arts teachers were awarded a \$1,600 grant by the Five Star Education Foundation YES Fund to attend the presentation of The Color Purple at the Denver Center for Performing Arts.





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District Art Show

The following Student Artist earned a place in our district Art Show.



6th Grade:

Kaidon Vasquez - Color Pencils-
Swimming With My Friends

Brooklyn Salls- Color Pencils - Picnic

Adriana Moreno Moreno- Painting-
Portrait of a Dog

**Noel Granados Estrada- Color Pencil -
Landscape of Elements - District Award
Winner.**



7th Grade:

Seraphina Milton - Mix Media City Scape

Noah Ashlyn Martinez- Color Pencil Snap
Shot Of A Room

8th Grade Artist:

Anayeli Dominquez- Color pencil Mandala

Janaeh Reed - Graphite Pencil Mandala

Calib Alsip- Color Pencil One Point Perspective - District Award winner.

Guadalupe Alvarez Rios- Apple Still Life

Juan Marquez Guzman - Horse Portrait in Charcoal

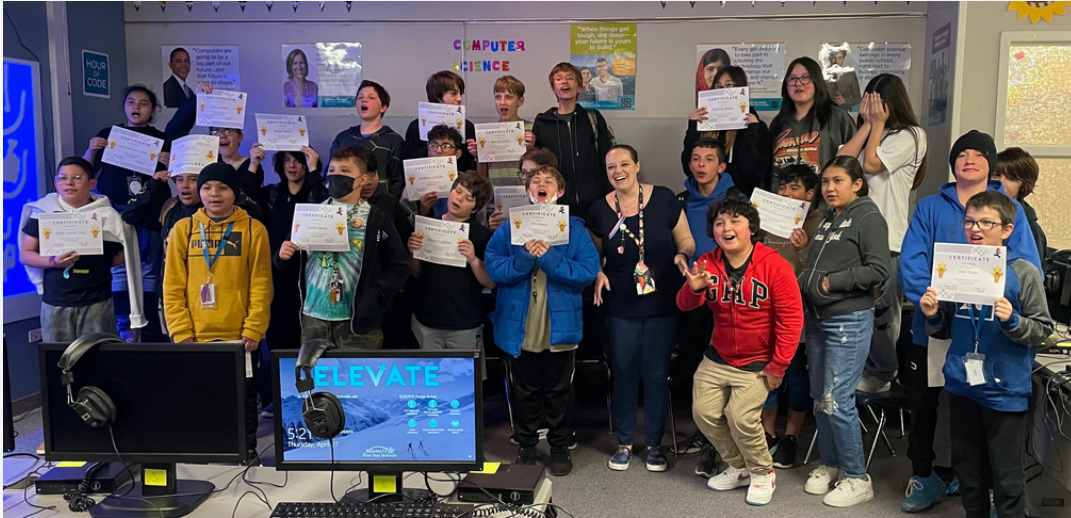
Finn Guzman- Pink and Black Print



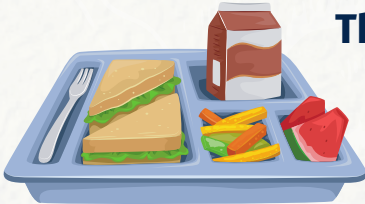
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TMS Esports



Thornton Middle school has completed their first year of esports. We are the first in the district to start esports at the middle school level. We completed over 30 hours of play time together! Our hope is that our program will grow even more next year. We hope the opportunities to compete on a greater level next year will allow us more chances to grow as players and as a team.



The Thornton Middle School Cafeteria is getting a new Name

Our students will be voting on the new name this week and we are excited to announce the name to the students next week during our morning announcements.

Over the Summer break the Kitchen manager will be working with local artists on an art piece incorporating the new name in the cafeteria. When we return in August we will share photos, along with student & staff reactions with all of you in our newsletter.

Have a great Summer Thornton Families.

Cisca Reza, Kitchen Manager

LUNCH
TIME



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Join us at the Girls on the Run 5K at Colfax 5K. Girls on the Run has partnered with the Denver Colfax Marathon to create a fun 5K just for Girls on the Run and their family members. Lace up and get ready to be inspired the entire way to the finish line.

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Location: City Park, Denver, CO 80205

Girls Meet at Team Signs: Arrive by 9:45 AM

Coaches: Be at Team Signs by 9:30 AM

Race Time: 10:30 AM

Contact Ms. Jordan with any questions - pre027152@adams12.org

Details and register
[CLICK HERE.](#)




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Hooked on Fishing!

Sponsored by Thornton Police Department (TPD)

Hooked on Fishing!
For kids ages 11-14

The Thornton Police Department (TPD) invites your kids to participate in the Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs Program. This program encourages kids to resist drugs and violence by spending time on alternative activities.



The Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs is a five-day program lead by police officers of the Thornton Police Department. It's offered at locations in the city of Thornton, and each program runs Monday through Thursday for two hours each day and six hours on Friday.

Times and Locations:

- June 5-9, Thornton Middle School, 9 to 11 a.m.
- June 5-9, Rocky Top Middle School, 1 to 3 p.m.


Event Details
Monday - Thursday
We'll meet in a classroom for two hours, encouraging frank discussions about concerns related to drugs and drug use and emphasize that most people, including the vast majority of people their own age, do not use drugs. The focus will be on life skills such as problem solving, resisting peer pressure, developing healthy friendships, coping with stress, and communicating with adults. Fishing is a healthy, leisurely activity for life. It is enjoyed by many different kinds of people—rich and poor, big and small, male and female—people of every ethnic group; fishing is free from cultural or sociological stigmas. During this time, we'll also teach students fishing regulations, presentation techniques, knot tying, types of fishing, and where to find fish.

Friday
We'll meet in the school parking lot at 8 a.m. for Thornton Middle School, and 8:30 a.m. for Rocky Top to head out to the lake for a day of fishing. Each student will receive a fishing rod and reel, hooks, swivels, sinkers and bait. Afterward, we will return to the schools, with dismissal at 2 p.m.

Space is limited so register early.

If interested, complete the form on the back of this flyer, and return it to your School Resource Officer (SRO) by May 6.

For more information, contact TPD Sgt. Brent Mullen 720-977-5076, or brent.mullen@ThorntonCO.gov or any SRO.



If parents or students are interested, please reach out to Officer Mansfield via email or in person at school to get an application.

Ommansfield@adams12.org



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Puerto Rico: June 2024

**No passport needed!*



Tour Enrollment
Link

Questions? Email me:
rebekah.bair@adams12.org



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FLEX Lab Update!



FLEX Lab at the Thornton Middle School location will no longer be operating due to very low attendance.

Students may attend any FLEX Lab location regardless of where they live or what school they attend, including the sites that are currently operating:

Horizon High School - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Northglenn Middle School - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30pm-6:30pm
Silver Hills Middle School - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30pm-6:30pm

****A fourth FLEX Lab site at Thornton High School on Tuesdays, 3:30pm-6:30pm, beginning the week after spring break on Tuesday, March 28.

Just a reminder that there won't be any FLEX Lab at any of the sites during the weeks of March 13-17 and March 20-24!



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

- The Counseling Center will be updating a new flyer and QR codes to include Spanish and Pashto this Month of March.
- Counselors will be in the classrooms again this month to deliver ICAP lessons and will be completing follow-up lessons.
- Counselors will be updating "The Three Hurts" and will be presenting this to all students
- Judi's House will be starting their Grief Groups this month and will last until May 11, 2023.

Thornton Middle School Counseling and Mental Health Team

TerriLynn Vigil: Counselor, 6th (720-972-5174) TerriLynn.M.Vigil@adams12.org

Janene Peralta: Counselor, 7th (720-972-5173) Janene.S.Peralta@adams12.org

Catherine Lee: Counselor, 8th (720-972-5175) Catherine.R.Lee@adams12.org

Madison Boren: School Social Worker (720-972-5172) Madison.P.Boren@adams12.org

Alexis Gordon: School Social Worker (720-972-5187) gor027586@adams12.org

Amanda Gonzales: Social Emotional Learning Specialist (720-972-5179) Amanda.Gonzales@adams12.org

Sarah Gillis: Restorative Practices Coordinator: (720-972-8945) Sarah.L.Gillis@adams12.org



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Thornton Middle School Spirit Wear!

THORNTON SPIRIT WEAR STORE



TEES, HOODIES & MORE!



1stplace.sale/15653



Show Your Cougar Pride!

Excited to share this opportunity with our TMS students and families.

Please visit the link to check out all of the great TMS Spirit Wear available to our community.

Order online and have your order shipped directly to your home.

Store Link:

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/CO/Thornton/Thornton+Middle+School>



Check out what our Thornton Middle School Clubs!

Late bus available, contact main office for details.

Learn more about these clubs by visiting the TMS Website

esports club

Day: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 4:45-5:30
Place: M193
Sponsor: Ms. Burkel

SPIRIT CLUB

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Kellog

Math Counts

TMS MATH TEAM

Day: Monday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: U107
Sponsor: Ms. Minik

FITNESS CLUB

Day: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: Gym
Sponsor: Mr. Gutierrez

pride Club!

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Burkel & Ms. Pulzone

ART CLUB

Day: Tuesday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L152
Sponsor: Ms. Kellog

POP/ROCK CLUB

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:30-5:15
Place: L138
Sponsor: Mrs. Starbuck

YEARBOOK CLUB

Place: M104
Time: 8:00am-9:00am
Day: Tuesday
Sponsors: Mrs. Bair & Ms. Brisch

ACT, SING, DANCE Performing Arts Club

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: M155
Sponsor: Mrs. McKercher & Mrs. Rotman

Orchestra Club

Day: Thursday
Time: 4:20-5:15
Place: L142
Sponsor: Ms. Gooch
7th & 8th grade ONLY



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Community Closet



Our Closet is available for you and your family needs!

- Jeans/Pants/Leggings/Socks/Shoes/Belts
- Shirts/sweatshirts
- Winter hats & gloves/Jackets
- Canned goods/dry goods/snacks
- Hygiene items/cleaning supplies

**Closet is open every
Wednesday 3-4pm.**

For more information or for an appointment contact Ms. Laura.
720-972-5176 laura.bowman@adams12.org



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The Voices of the Comadres Parent Group

Parents and Guardians, we want your input and help. Join the Comadres Parent Group.

- Plan upcoming events
- Help improve our school
- Engage with the TMS community

**Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month
9am-10am @ Thornton Middle School**

For more information contact Ms. Laura.
720-972-5176 laura.bowman@adams12.org



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ATTENDANCE



Contact Information:

Attendance Line - 720-972-5198

Nancy Bender - Attendance Secretary
720-972-5169 -
Nancy.L.Bender@adams12.org

If your student arrives more than five minutes late for school, please have them stop at the Attendance Office to get a late pass. They should do this as soon as they walk in the school building. The reason this is an important step is to make sure that your student's attendance is updated and corrected.

Checking Your Student Out Early



We understand that there will be times you will need to check out your student from school early. When doing this you **MUST** come inside to the main office window to sign them out. You will need a **picture ID** and you must be on the authorized pick-up list for the student you are checking out in the Infinite Campus system.



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Office Hours

As a reminder the office hours at Thornton Middle School are as follows:

8:30am - 4:45pm Monday - Friday



Student Drop-Off



**Thank you for your
help on this request!**

Please do not drop your student off before 8:30am in the mornings.

Students will not be supervised and cannot be in the building prior to 8:30am.

Breakfast is available starting at 8:30am every day for every student.

If students are involved in a morning club, they must have a pass from a teacher to enter the building before 8:30am.



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Buy A Yearbook

Purchase your 2022-2023 Yearbook today!

Starting at \$25.00. [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE!](#)

Chromebook Policies

If a Chromebook is turned in by a custodian:

- 1st time-Warning
- 2nd time-Lunch Detention
- 3rd time-Call home and after school tutorials/ detention

If a Chromebook is lost:

Students should report it to the media tech in the library to have the device disabled/ locked.
Student will then be notified to come retrieve their device when found.

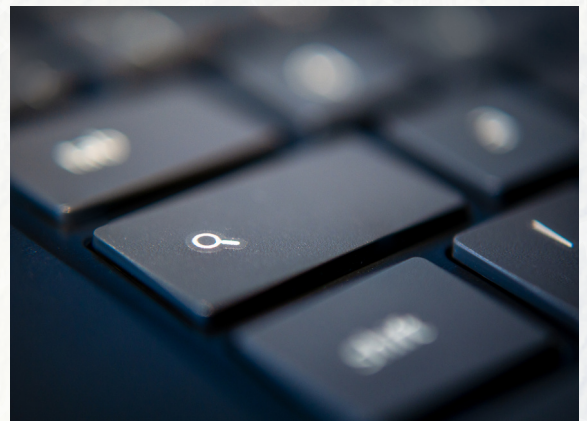
If damages are assessed they will be determined as intentional or non-intentional:

Fines escalate by incident. The first incident will be documented and fined for \$5 until the damage intent is determined.


Fines will be removed if determined to be non-intentional.
Non-intentional damage includes software issues and normal usage wear and tear.

Any physical damage outside of normal wear and tear will be classified as intentional.

- 1st Incident -\$5
- 2nd Incident -\$50
- 3rd Incident -\$75
- 4th Incident or lost -\$150



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 Need free school clothing for your kids?
Clothes To Kids of Denver can help!


To be eligible, students must:

1. Be age 3-21 and enrolled in preschool-12th grade, or working toward a GED.
2. Live in the 11-county Denver Metro Area.
3. Be considered in need of assistance.

No referral required!

Shoppers no longer need a referral or proof of automatic qualification to shop at Clothes To Kids of Denver. If students meet our basic eligibility guidelines listed above, they can shop!



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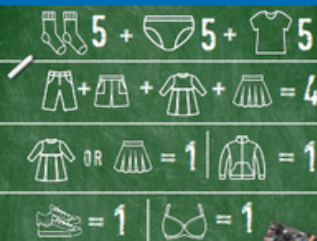
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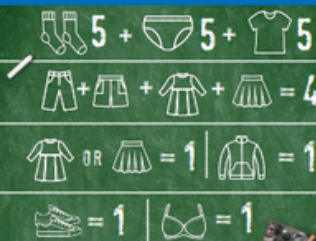


 Each Student Receives



 Ready to shop?

 Each Student Receives



 Ready to shop?

To make an appointment to shop in person or to place an order for curbside pick-up, call us at 720-379-4630 or email appointment@clothesforkidsdenver.org.

Have Questions? Please visit <https://clothesforkidsdenver.org/referral-process/>


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 ¿Necesita ropa escolar gratis para sus hijos?
¡Clothes To Kids of Denver le puede ayudar!


Para ser elegible los estudiantes deben:

1. Tener de 3 a 21 años de edad y estar inscritos en la escuela (prescolar hasta grado escolar 12) o en el proceso de obtener diploma de preparatoria (GED).
2. Residir en uno de los 11 condados del área metropolitana de Denver.
3. Necesitar la ayuda de nuestro programa.

No requerimos referencial

Los estudiantes no necesitan una referencia o prueba de calificación automática para visitar Clothes To Kids of Denver. Si los estudiantes cumplen con nuestra guía básica de elegibilidad enumerada anteriormente, ¡pueden visitarnos!



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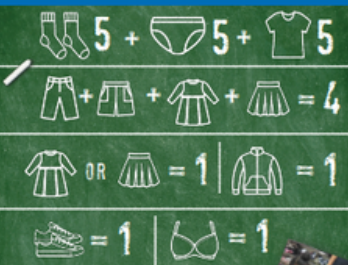
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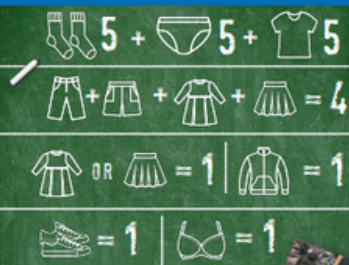



 Cada Estudiante Recibe



 ¿Listo para visitarnos?

 Cada Estudiante Recibe



 ¿Listo para visitarnos?

Para citas en persona o para ordenar y recoger ropa, por favor llame al 720-379-4630 o envíe un correo electrónico a appointment@clothesforkidsdenver.org.

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[TMS Facebook](#)

[TMS Instagram](#)



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District Weather Policy

Process for School Closures and 1-hour Delayed Starts:

In the event of inclement weather, Adams 12 Five Star Schools uses a variety of resources to determine if conditions exist that warrant a 1-hour delayed start or closure of schools.

If conditions pose a concern for student and staff safety, the district will make every effort to announce a decision by 5:30 a.m. to close or delay opening schools. A 1-hour delayed start or closure will be communicated in several different ways, including:

- District website
- School websites
- Local media outlets
- Email and text message to parents
 - Ensure your information is up-to-date in Infinite Campus
 - In order to receive text messages, opt-in today by texting "YES" to 67587
- District's hotline (720) 972-4000
- Social media (Facebook - Twitter)
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Keep in mind, you will only receive alerts if schools are closed or operating on a 1-hour delay. If schools are open and operating on a normal schedule you will not receive an alert.

If schools are open but a parent feels, based on personal circumstances, that conditions pose a safety concern for their child getting to or from school they can call the school for an excused absence.



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Infinite Campus - Parent Portal



Did you know that Parent Engagement has a direct correlation to student success?

Students with engaged parents are more likely to have higher self-esteem, lower absenteeism and earn high grades or test scores. So what are you waiting for? Log into Campus Parent and get engaged today!

PARENT FAVORITES:

- Accessing student grades
- Give that praise and encouragement for that A or B they studied hard for!
- Review attendance and absences
- Get real-time notifications if your student is absent
- Seeing assignments due or upcoming exams

Connect Today

Campus Parent can be accessed on the web (login information is received from your district), using the Campus Parent mobile app.

- [Link #1 Adams 12 Parent Portal Signup to create Infinite Account](#)
- [Link #2 Access Infinite Campus and change Password](#)
- [Link #3 Infinite Campus Video how to access IC for Parents, Grades, Attendance, etc](#)



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Free Counseling Sessions for Youth



The Office of Behavioral Health has launched **IMatter**, a program to provide up to three free counseling sessions for Colorado youth, as a part of House Bill 21-1258 (more information below). Parents can sign up and get resources and therapy sessions for their child. Youth, ages 12-18, can sign up for mental health sessions. Check out this article from [Chalkbeat for more information](#). You can order I Matter materials free of charge through this [form](#).

The Colorado Office of Behavioral Health and its partners have launched IMatter, a program that provides up to three free counseling sessions for Colorado youth.

Get Connected

Youth and their parents can visit the I Matter platform to take a confidential online survey about their mental health and schedule sessions with a licensed behavioral health clinician, primarily online over telehealth. All Colorado youth ages 18 or younger—or 21 and younger if receiving special education services—are eligible to receive free services.

Contact Information

- For general inquiries about the program, contact elizabeth.owens@state.co.us.
- To inquire about being a provider within the program, contact providers@imattercolorado.org.
- To receive help with the website or support in scheduling a session, email support@imattercolorado.org.

Free/Reduced Benefits

Apply now for meal benefits for the 2022-23 school year. We are asking all families to apply to support potential funding or benefits that go beyond meals. Remember all families must reapply every year.

Apply today at www.adams12.org/myschoolapps. Please be sure to submit an application. Your household's free and reduced-price lunch program (school meals) application can help your family access discounted internet and phone costs and secure additional funds for your school. If your household qualifies for school meals, you might also qualify for P-EBT.