

Student Withdrawal from School/Dropouts

The Board of Education (the “Board”) for Mapleton Public Schools (the “District”) recognizes and promotes the importance of obtaining a high school diploma, as a diploma assists students in leading healthy and productive lives after graduation. Students who withdraw from school and prepare to face life with less than a high school education will have a much more difficult time entering the workforce or pursuing other goals. Therefore, the District is committed to ensuring, to the best of its ability, that all students stay in school and graduate with a high school diploma.

School directors, teachers, and guidance counselors/advisors are expected to make dropout prevention a priority through personal contacts with students and specialized programs. The goal is to enable those students who are considering dropping out or have dropped out of school to return and resume their programs with a minimum degree of disruption.

Reasonable efforts shall be extended in an attempt to retain students in school and assist them in earning a diploma.

To emphasize the importance of a high school diploma and to encourage students no longer subject to compulsory attendance laws to reconsider their decision to withdraw from school, the District shall notify the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing when the District has knowledge that a student has dropped out of school. Such written notification shall be in accordance with this policy's accompanying regulation, JFC-R and shall include, at a minimum the following:

- encouragement that the student return to school;
- an explanation of the long-term ramifications of the student dropping out of school; and,
- the availability of educational alternatives and services for at-risk students, such as GED programs, counseling services, drug or alcohol addiction treatment programs, and family preservation services.

For purposes of this policy, "dropout" shall mean any student included in the District's "student dropout rate," as defined by the rules of the State Board of Education.

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LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. § 22-2-114.1 (*dropout rate reporting*)

C.R.S. § 22-14-108 (*written notice of dropout status*)

C.R.S. § 22-32-118.5 (*intervention strategies for students in grades 6-9 at risk of dropping out*)

C.R.S. § 22-33-104 (*compulsory school attendance*)

C.R.S. §§ 22-33-203 and 204 (*services for expelled and at-risk students*)

C.R.S. § 22-35-109.5 (*dropout recovery programs*)

1 CCR 301-1, Rule 13.01 (*definition of "student dropout rate"*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

IKF: Graduation Requirements