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## Admission and Denial of Admission

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### Admission

Admission refers to the first time a student seeks to attend the schools of the District or returns after not being enrolled for any period of time.

Students residing within the boundaries of Mapleton Public Schools (the "District") are given priority over students residing outside of the District's boundaries for admission decisions.

All persons who have reached the age of six and are under the age of 21 who have not graduated from high school or received any document evidencing completion of the equivalent of a secondary curriculum (G.E.D.), and reside within the boundaries of the District will be permitted to attend without payment of tuition, subject to the remainder of this policy. Non-resident (out-of-district) students will be admitted pursuant to this policy and in accordance with State and Federal law. Preliminary decisions regarding residency classifications are determined by the Welcome Center based upon appropriate documentation provided by the family, subject to review and verification by the Superintendent (or designee). Providing false information is cause for denial of admission and/or enrollment.

Any child who will reach the age of five on or before October 1st is eligible to attend Kindergarten in August of that year. Any child entering public school for the first time who will reach the age of six on or before October 1st is eligible to attend first grade beginning in August of that year. Students who do not meet the minimum age requirements for kindergarten or first grade will not be admitted. Exceptions may be made for highly gifted students by contacting the Superintendent (or designee), whose decision is final.

A birth certificate or other proof of legal age, as well as proof of residence, must be provided both to the Welcome Center and to the school.

Although not required, students are urged to have a physical examination and to submit a report from the examining physician to the school to ensure the school nurses have adequate information to properly care for the student's medical needs.

All students new to the District will be enrolled conditionally until all records, including discipline records, from the schools previously attended by the students are received by the District. Notice of the conditional enrollment status of new students will be clearly indicated on all new student enrollment notifications. In the event that the student's records indicate a reason to deny admission, the student's conditional status will be

revoked. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be provided with written notice of the denial of admission, which will inform them of their right to request a hearing.

### **Denial of Admission**

Mapleton Public Schools may deny admission to the schools of the District in accordance with applicable law. The District shall provide due process of law to students and parents/guardians through written procedures consistent with law for the denial of admission to a student. The policy and procedures for denial of admission are the same as those for student suspension/expulsion, inasmuch as the same section of the law governs these areas.

### **Nondiscrimination**

The Board, the Superintendent, other administrators, and District employees will not unlawfully discriminate based on a student's disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, ancestry, or need for special education services in the determination or recommendation of action under this policy. See Board policy AC-E-1 for more information.

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### LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. § 22-1-102 (defines "resident")

C.R.S. § 22-1-102.5 (defines "homeless child")

C.R.S. § 22-1-115 (school age is any age over five and under twenty-one years)

C.R.S. § 22-2-409 (notification of risk)

C.R.S. § 22-32-109(1)(II) (Board duty to adopt policies requiring enrollment decisions to be made in a nondiscriminatory manner)

C.R.S. § 22-32-110(1)(k) (definition of racial or ethnic background includes hair texture; definition of protective hairstyle)

C.R.S. § 22-32-115 (tuition to another school district)

C.R.S. § 22-32-116 (non-resident students)

C.R.S. § 22-32-138 (enrollment of students in out-of-home placements)

C.R.S. §§ 22-33-103 through 22-33-110 (school attendance law)

C.R.S. § 22-33-105(2)(c) (*requiring hearing to be convened if requested within 10 days after denial of admission or expulsion*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

AC-E-1: Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity

JEB: Entrance Age Requirements

JKD/JKE: Suspension/Expulsion of Students

JLCB: Immunization of Students