



The Family Connection

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Welcome Back!

You belong in Mapleton!

Dear Mapleton Community,

Welcome to the new school year! We're so glad you're here. This year, we're looking forward to new opportunities, stronger connections, and celebrating a greater sense of belonging for all.

"The Mapleton Way," our focus on building strong relationships, maintaining high academic standards, and creating safe, welcoming learning environments, continues to guide everything we do. Because of the special way we work together in Mapleton, we are celebrating higher student achievement, adding more electives, expanding opportunities for learning beyond the classroom, and ensuring that more students than ever graduate not just ready for college and a career, but with a clear path to post-secondary success.



More than ever, we want you to know — **you belong in Mapleton!** This is more than just a phrase. It's our promise and our daily practice. We honor and celebrate the diverse backgrounds, cultures, and abilities that make us not just a school district, but a vibrant community where everyone is seen, heard, and supported.

Belonging starts with being here — in school, on time, every day. Like many school districts across the country, Mapleton's attendance rates are improving, but have not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels. Missing even one or two days of school each month can set students back and impact their future success, including whether they graduate from high school.

This year, we're asking all families to help us build strong attendance habits through our ***Be Present, Be Proud, Be You*** campaign. Good attendance unlocks your child's superpowers! Every student brings unique talents, ideas, and dreams, and our dedicated staff is here to help them grow academically, socially, and personally. Let's work together to make good attendance your family's superpower.

We're looking forward to an incredible year of learning, belonging, and success. Welcome back — let's make this year our best yet!

In partnership,

Mike Crawford
Superintendent of Schools

The Resource Issue

Important information for the 2025-26 school year

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

Elevate your school experience with the Infinite Campus app!

Why download the Infinite Campus app?

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal allows parents/guardians to access **real-time announcements and information, including:**

- Student attendance
- Important school announcements and events
- Student grades and assignments
- Transcripts and report cards

Parents/guardians may also update emergency contacts and change communication preferences.

How to get started:

1. Download the Infinite Campus Parent app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Search for Mapleton Public Schools, Adams County 1 in Colorado.
3. Select Mapleton Public Schools, Adams County 1.
4. Enter your username and password. **If you need your username and password or need to reset it, please contact the main office of your child's school for assistance.**

[Learn more about the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.](#)

YMCA Before and After Care Program

Before and After School Care through the YMCA

Mapleton is proud to partner with the YMCA to offer before and after-school care to all students, ages 5-13, at two locations in the district, **Achieve Academy (9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton)** and **Trailside Academy (2300 W. 67th Place, Denver)**.

Achieve Academy – Before and aftercare, as well as transportation, is available to students attending the following schools:

- Achieve Academy
- Clayton Partnership School
- Explore PK-8
- Meadow Community
- Monterey Community
- Welby Community School of the Arts
- York International School

Trailside Academy – Before and aftercare, as well as transportation, is available to students attending the following schools:

- Adventure Elementary
- Global Primary Academy
- Global Intermediate Academy
- Trailside Academy
- Valley View Innovation School

During YMCA before and after care, kids participate in a variety of activities, including academics, health and wellness, and social-emotional learning. Monthly costs and registration information are available online, denverymca.org. Select "Out of School Time Locations." Achieve Academy is listed under "Thornton," and Trailside Academy is listed under "Denver."

Be Present, Be Proud, Be You!

Good attendance starts now!

Consistent attendance is one of the most important factors in ensuring that all students are learning, growing, and reaching their full potential – from the very first day of school to the last.

Early absenteeism often sets the tone for the entire year. Research shows that students who are chronically absent in the first month are far more likely to continue missing school. Missing just **2–4 days in September** can lead to nearly a month of missed learning over the course of the year.

That's why Mapleton is partnering with families to build strong attendance habits right from the start. Together, we can help students feel connected, supported, and on track for success.

Here's how you can help your child stay on track:

- **Plan ahead:** Download your school's [2025–26 calendar](#) to schedule appointments and vacations around important school days.
- **Know the expectations:** Take a few minutes to review [Mapleton's attendance policy](#) so you understand what counts as an absence and how to report it.
- **Stay informed:** Use the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) to monitor your child's attendance throughout the year and catch patterns early.

When we work together to make attendance a priority, we give every student the best chance to succeed – in school and in life. Let's make this year the year of showing up, every day!

Complete the Meal Benefit Application

What's for lunch?

Breakfast and lunch menus are available on Meal Viewer!

You benefit when you complete the Meal Benefit Application

At Mapleton Public Schools, we believe every child should have the fuel they need to learn, grow, and thrive. That's why we're proud to participate in Colorado's Healthy School Meals for All program—offering free breakfast and lunch to every student, every school day.

Even though meals are free, we encourage every family to fill out the 2025–26 [Meal Benefit Application \(English Link\)](#) ([Spanish Link](#)). Completing this quick form can unlock extra support for your family and additional resources for our schools!

Benefits for your family may include:

- Opportunities for school-related fee waivers
- Discounted internet, phone, and utility services
- [SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, or FDPRI](#)

Benefits for your child's school may include:

- Classroom resources (from books to technology to teachers!)
- Before and after school enrichment activities
- Health and wellness services

We know the application asks for personal information, and we want you to feel confident that your privacy is protected. Your application and eligibility status are confidential by federal law and can only be seen by those directly involved with the school meal program. Your application information remains private and is protected at all times.

Completing your Meal Benefit Application is a small step that makes a big difference for your family, your school, and our Mapleton community. Only one form is needed per household, and a new form must be submitted each school year.

Please contact Mapleton Public Schools Nutrition Services, 303.853.1117, or email Foodservice@mapleton.us for more information about the School Nutrition Program in Mapleton.

Shots for Tots and Teens Immunization Clinics

Back to School Immunizations

Certain vaccines are required by Colorado law for children attending school or child care to prevent the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases. Colorado law also allows parents to exempt their children from child care- and school-required immunizations on medical or nonmedical grounds.

School-Required Vaccines

- Hepatitis B (HepB)

- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTap)*
- Inactivated poliovirus (IPV)*
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)*
- Varicella (chicken pox)*
- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)**

**Students 4 through 6 years of age are required to have their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR, and Varicella prior to kindergarten entry.*

***Students are required to have Tdap prior to entry into 6th grade. One dose of Tdap is required for 6th through 12th grades.*

Learn more from [Immunize Colorado](#).

Shots for Tots and Teens

The program offers low- and no-cost immunization clinics on convenient dates and times throughout the year in Aurora, Westminster, Longmont and Lakewood. All recommended immunizations are available for children ages 0 to 18 years and most clinics offer adult vaccines.

Adams County Health Department

Call [303.451.0123](tel:303.451.0123) to get information about Adams County Health Department (ACHD) Immunization Clinic hours and how to make an appointment for vaccines today.

Kids First Alto Community Clinic

Health and Wellness - Kids First

Kids First provides services to any child or young adult between the ages of 0-21, regardless of where they reside, at our Commerce City, Westminster, and Brighton community pediatric clinics. **No one between the ages of 0-21 will be denied access to services due to inability to pay, and there is a discounted/sliding fee schedule available based on family size and income.**

Pediatric primary care services available include:

- Physical health – well child check-ups, sports physicals, vaccines, reproductive health, sick visits, management of chronic disease such as asthma, and more.
- Mental health care – brief visits with a counselor, as well as one-on-one therapy.
- Enrollment in Medicaid and CHP+, and support accessing other immediate needs resources.

Kids First Alto Community Clinic
3075 W. 71st. Ave., Westminster, CO 80030
303-428-4384

Bus Rider Registration Forms

Safe and Welcoming Schools

You choose your school and Mapleton will get you there!

Mapleton's transportation fleet serves approximately 3,000 students daily, providing safe and reliable transit to and from schools, athletic events, and after-school programs. **Families residing within the district are eligible for transportation to any school of their choice, provided their home is located more than one mile from the selected school.**

All new and returning families must complete the online registration form for each student to determine their transportation eligibility.

Safe and Welcoming Schools

In Mapleton Public Schools, we believe that everyone deserves unlimited opportunities to maximize their unique abilities. We believe people thrive in a caring environment, and know that effective learning and teaching take place in safe, secure, and welcoming environments. In February, the Board of Education unanimously adopted a resolution reaffirming Mapleton's commitment to welcoming, protective, learning-focused environments.

The resolution, [Affirming Support for All Students, Families, and Staff Members](#), elevates the belief statements that are central to our mission. It declares Mapleton a Safe Zone, where all students, regardless of their background, can achieve their dreams in caring environments, free of fear, disruptions, and discrimination.

To provide a quality public education to every student, regardless of a child or family member's citizenship/immigration status, Mapleton will:

- Continue to adhere to the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act, protecting student privacy,
- Assist families in keeping emergency contacts up to date, and
- Not cooperate in any effort to enforce federal immigration law

Learn more and find resources for families on [Mapleton's website](#).

School and Department Contacts

Contacting your school: Visit [School Finder](#) to see a list of all schools and their contact information.

[Athletics](#)

[Career and Technical Education](#)

[Curriculum and Instruction](#)

[District Performing Arts](#)

[Early Childhood Education \(preschool\)](#)

[Health Services](#)

[Junior Air Force ROTC](#)

[Nutrition Services](#)

[Transportation](#)

Work in Mapleton!

Mapleton is hiring! Check out our current opportunities!



Mapleton Public Schools

Achieve Your Dreams in Mapleton!

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