



# The Family Connection

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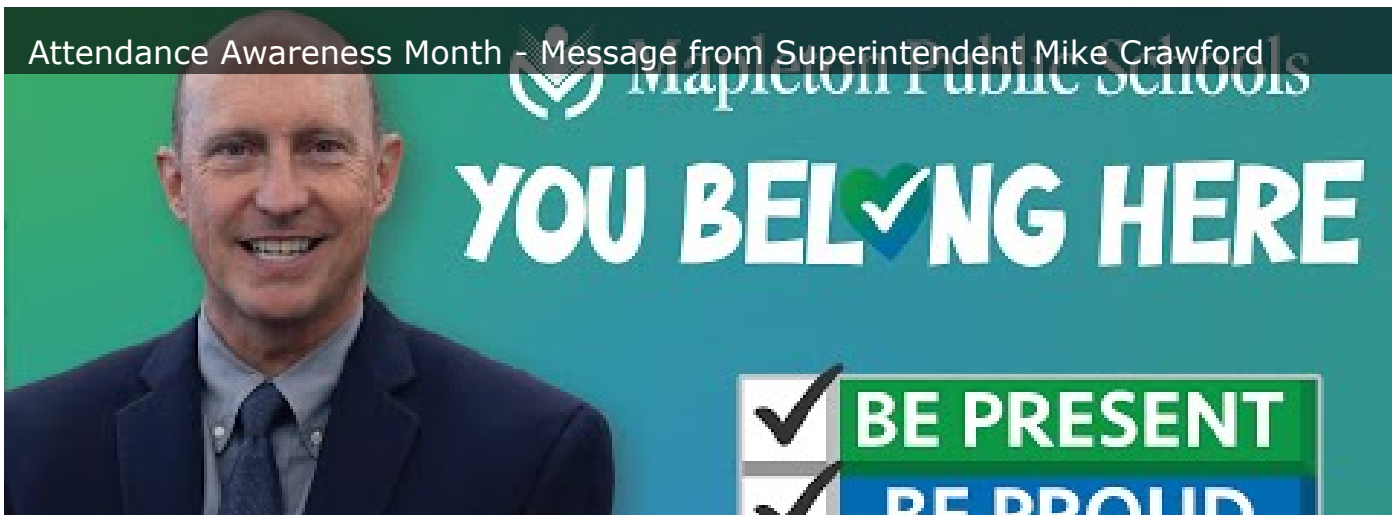
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## *The Attendance Issue*

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### *A message from Superintendent Mike Crawford*

Attendance Awareness Month - Message from Superintendent Mike Crawford





## Attendance Awareness Month Proclamation

### *Attendance Policy and Expectations*

#### **Student Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism**

Mapleton is committed to helping every student build strong attendance habits. By working closely with parents and guardians, identifying concerns early, and offering the right supports and resources, we can remove barriers to attendance. Together, we can make sure all students have the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive every day.

[Board Policy JH/JHB, Student Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism](#), outlines Mapleton's commitment to the critical role of consistent school attendance in fostering educational success.

**Attendance Requirements:** Colorado Compulsory Attendance Laws are limited to students ages 6-17. This policy applies to all students enrolled in Mapleton Public Schools, regardless of age, Preschool – 12th grade

**Excused Absences** are absences for which students have been granted permission to be out of school. They include, but are not limited to:

- Illness or injury of the student
- Family emergencies or death in the family
- Medical or dental appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of school hours
- Religious observances
- Court appearances
- School-sponsored events or activities
- Other absences as approved by the school administrator.

**Unexcused Absences** are absences not approved by the school administration. They include, but are not limited to:

- Truancy or skipping school without a valid cause.
- Absences without notification from parents/guardians.
- Absences that do not meet the criteria for an excused absence, regardless of parent or guardian permission.
- Vacation or travel

**Truancy** is defined as the accumulation of four unexcused absences within any calendar month during the school year or the accumulation of ten unexcused absences over the course of the

entire school year, including both full-day and partial-day absences.

**Chronic Absenteeism** is defined as a student missing 10% or more of the school days (an average of 2 days per month or 17 days over the course of the academic year) for any reason, excused or unexcused.

**Make-up Work:** Students with excused absences shall be allowed to make up work missed and shall receive full credit for the work completed, subject to reasonable deadlines. Students identified with chronic absenteeism may be required to repeat a course or an entire academic year to learn content and or earn credit.

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### **Did you know...**

Mapleton's attendance rate is 90%, but that's not an A! A 90% attendance rate means that, on average, kids are missing around 18 days of school during the year!

Over the course of a K-12 education, that can add up to almost an entire year of lost learning!

### **How you can help!**

Want to learn why attendance matters for your student and what you can do to support them?

- [Elementary Handout in English](#)
- [Elementary Handout in Spanish](#)
- [Middle/High Handout in English](#)
- [Middle/High Handout in Spanish](#)

**What is one thing you can commit to this year to help us reach our goal of a 95% attendance rate? Let us know! Email [Communications@mapleton.us](mailto:Communications@mapleton.us).**

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## ***Health and Wellness***

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### **How Sick is Too Sick?**

The “**How Sick is Too Sick?**” **guide** from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment helps families make those tricky calls about when students should stay home. From fevers and coughs to flu, pink eye, and everything in between, the guide is packed with clear advice to keep our classrooms healthy and learning strong.

## How sick is too sick?

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### Immunization clinics

Vaccines protect kids, schools, and communities from serious, preventable diseases like measles, chickenpox, whooping cough, and meningitis. Help get your child up to date on their vaccines.

#### Adams County Health Department Immunization Clinic

303.451.0123

1401 W. 122nd Ave. Westminster, CO 80234

#### Clinic Hours:

- Mondays 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (open until 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month)
- Walk-In Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (no appointment necessary)
- Thursday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

#### Upcoming Outreach Clinics:

Shots for Tots and Teens Clinic (walk-in clinic until capacity is reached)

Saturday, Sept. 20

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

1401 W. 122nd Ave. Westminster, CO 80234

2025-2026 school year Annual Parent Letter-[English](#), [Spanish](#), [Other Languages](#)

#### Updated childcare and K-12 immunization tables

- [2025-2025 childcare immunization table](#)
- [2025-2026 K-12 immunization table](#)

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### Kids First Health Care - Alto Community Clinic

The new Kids First Alto Community Clinic serves patients from birth to 21. 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.

To make an appointment, call 303.428.4384.

## [Kids First Health Care](#)

Alto Community Clinic  
3075 W. 71st Avenue, Suite 200  
Westminster, CO 80030

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### 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline



Monday, Sept. 8, is **988 Day** — a time to raise awareness about the **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**. This lifeline is here for anyone who may be feeling overwhelmed, struggling with mental health, or worried about a loved one.

Just like calling 911 for emergencies, dialing **988** connects you right away to compassionate, trained counselors who are available **24/7, free, and confidential**. You can also text or chat if that feels easier.

Please help spread the word! Sharing this simple three-digit number could make all the difference for someone in need.

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### Colorado LIFTS

[Colorado LIFTS \(Linking Individuals and Families to Services\)](#) is a new way to connect people in Colorado with mental health, substance use, and crisis support. It's a statewide network that helps people get care—especially those who don't have insurance or don't have enough coverage.

- Visit [ownpath.co](https://ownpath.co)
  - Enter your zip code
  - Select what type of assistance you are looking for (optional)
  - Select 'Search' and get connected to care
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## *Family Resources and Support*

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## Mapleton's NEW Family Resource Center - we need you!

Mapleton is creating a Family Resource Center to support students, families, and our entire school community – and we need YOUR ideas to make it thrive!

What programs, services, and supports would make the biggest difference for Mapleton families? We value your voice and want to hear which programs and resources you feel are most important for supporting student wellbeing in our district.

From health and wellness to academic support and community partnerships, your voice matters in shaping a space built for everyone.

Together, we can create a center where every family feels supported, connected, and empowered!

Take the survey today!

[Take the Survey!](#)

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## Adams County Resources

The [Adams County Resources site](#) is made possible by Adams County, the Adams County Health Department, and the Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County.

Use the site to search for financial assistance, food pantries, medical care, housing, transportation, and other free or reduced-cost assistance. The site is available in multiple languages and searches by zip code.

[Adams County Resources](#)

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## Hunger Free Colorado - Food Resource Hotline

The statewide, toll-free Food Resource Hotline is **open Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-12 p.m.** and helps Coloradans across the state connect with food and nutrition resources. The Hotline is available to all Coloradans, regardless of legal status, in 150+ languages. All caller information is confidential.

**Food Resource Hotline: 855.855.4626**

[Discover community food resources.](#)

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## More News from Mapleton Public Schools

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### Preliminary District and School Performance Frameworks

This week, the Colorado Department of Education shared preliminary school and district accountability ratings based on 2024-25 data. These frameworks measure things like graduation rates, academic achievement, and student growth to accredit districts and assign school ratings.

Mapleton remains Accredited with an Improvement Plan, earning a score of 48.5. This is our highest score since 2017, and is evidence that *what we focus on gets better*. While there is still important work ahead to move Mapleton into the Performance category, we know we are on the right path, doing the best work, with the most talented and qualified people.

Along the way, we are seeing many bright spots that give us confidence and keep our momentum strong.

### This year, Mapleton is celebrating

- A strong increase in elementary students meeting expectations in both ELA and Math.
- Growth in the percentage of 6th and 7th graders meeting expectations in both content areas.
- More 10th and 11th graders meeting expectations in Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math on the PSAT and SAT.
- Improvement in 11th-grade science scores.

Both elementary and high schools showed average growth in ELA and Math, meaning most students are making at least a year's progress in a year. Middle school ELA is also in the average range, with math just below.

At the same time, we recognize areas where students need more support. Eighth- and ninth-grade results showed slight declines in both content areas, and fifth- and eighth-grade science scores

also declined. We remain committed to learning from these results and building on our momentum so that every Mapleton student continues to grow, thrive, and succeed.

Visit CDE's [District and School Performance Framework page](#) for the full preliminary results.

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## 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](#)

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## Work in Mapleton!

Mapleton is hiring! Check out our current opportunities!

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**Mapleton Public Schools**

Achieve Your Dreams in Mapleton!

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