
Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment

Mapleton Public Schools (the "District") recognizes that students who live outside of District boundaries may benefit from the District's philosophy and programming. Accordingly, Mapleton Public Schools welcomes students who reside outside of the District and will make admission decisions for out-of-district students pursuant to this policy and regulation JFBB-R, subject to space and program availability.

Nonresident students within the State who are accepted pursuant to this policy and Regulation JFBB-R may enroll in the programs or schools within the District on a space available basis without payment of tuition, except as otherwise provided by law.

In providing for admission of non-resident students, the District will not:

1. Make alterations in the structure of the requested school or to the arrangement or function of rooms within a requested school to accommodate the enrollment request;
2. Establish and offer any particular program in a school if such program is not currently offered in such school;
3. Alter or waive any established eligibility criteria for participation in a particular program, including age requirements, course prerequisites, and required levels of performance; or,
4. Enroll any nonresident student in any program or school after the pupil enrollment count window.

Before considering requests for admission from nonresidents, priority shall be given to resident students who apply under the District's open enrollment/transfer policies.

Any student enrolled pursuant to this policy shall be allowed to remain enrolled in the school or program through the end of the school year unless overcrowding or other undesirable conditions develop, as described in the accompanying regulation.

Students granted permission to enroll in a school pursuant to this policy will have the same curricular and extracurricular status as all other students attending the school, as determined by applicable law, bylaws of the Colorado High School Activities Association, and the District's eligibility requirements.

Transportation

Out-of-district students must arrange their own transportation to and from school. The District does not provide transportation to out-of-district students, although they will be permitted to utilize District transportation services if the student is able to get to one of the existing District bus stops. The only exceptions may be made if it is determined that transportation is necessary for the District to comply with State and Federal law requirements for homeless students and students with disabilities. Homeless students and students with disabilities will be transported, as necessary, in accordance with State and Federal law.

Military Children

The district will allow an inbound active-duty military member to use the school liaison office address for the military installation to which the inbound active-duty military member is or will be assigned in order to apply for open enrollment in a district school or program. No additional documentation of an inbound active-duty military member's child's state address will be required to apply for open enrollment.

The district school or program in which the child of an inbound active-duty military member is open-enrolled will grant guaranteed automatic matriculation while the child remains in the district, including guaranteed automatic matriculation to the next grade, even if the next grade is in a different school level or building. In the same manner, guaranteed automatic matriculation is provided to resident students. The district will also grant priority preference for the younger siblings of the child of an inbound active-duty military member who is open-enrolled for purposes of enrolling in subsequent school years.

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, gender identity, gender expression, family composition, national origin, religion, ancestry, or need for special education services in the determination or recommendation of action under this policy. See Board Exhibit AC-E-1 for more information.

Special Education

The district will not require an applicant's IEP or disability status to be provided until after the applicant has been admitted. Thereafter, the district must consider the request for open enrollment or transfer to another school or program in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

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LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. § 15-14-105 (delegation of custodial power)

C.R.S. § 19-1-115.5 (child in foster care placement is considered resident of school district in which foster home is located)

C.R.S. § 22-1-102(2) (definition of resident of district)

C.R.S. § 22-20-106 (designation of general and special education responsibilities for students with disabilities)

C.R.S. § 22-20-107.5 (defining district of residence for students with disabilities)

C.R.S. § 22-20-109 (tuition for special education services)

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. § 22-32-113(1)(c) (transportation of students residing in another district)

C.R.S. § 22-32-115 (district may pay tuition for student to attend in another district not to exceed 120% of per pupil general fund cost)

C.R.S. § 22-32-115(2)(b) (subject to 22-36-101, the district must permit any student whose parents are residents of Colorado to attend w/o payment of tuition)

C.R.S. § 22-32-115(4)(a) (district is not liable for tuition except pursuant to written agreement)

C.R.S. § 22-32-116 (if becomes non-resident, may finish semester, if in 12th grade, may finish year, special rules for elementary students)

C.R.S. § 22-33-103 (any resident may attend district school w/o payment of tuition, tuition can be paid by the district of residence pursuant to a written agreement, parents may pay tuition if a non-Colorado resident)

C.R.S. § 22-33-106(3) (grounds to deny admission)

C.R.S. §§ 22-36-101 et seq. (open enrollment policy must have a timeline and reasons to deny enrollment)

C.R.S. §§ 22-36-107 (*inbound active-duty military families open enrollment and registration*)

C.R.S. § 22-54-103(10.5) (*definition of pupil enrollment count day*)

1 C.C.R. 301-8 Rules 4.03 and 8.07 (*prohibiting administrative units from inquiring about a transferring child's IEP or disability status until after the child has been admitted*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

AC-E-1: Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity

JFAB: Continuing Enrollment of Students Who Become Nonresidents

JFABA: Nonresident Tuition Charges

JFABD: Homeless Students

JFABE: Students in Foster Care

JFBA: Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment

JJJ: Extracurricular Activity Eligibility