



The Takeaway

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Welcome to "The Takeaway," your weekly source for news and updates from across the district.

If you have a news item or update to share, we'd love to hear from you. [Send your ideas our way](#), and we'll do our best to include them in a future issue.

New this year! All Points of Pride, including "High Fives" and school celebrations will appear in Mapleton's new, biweekly community newsletter, *"Ignite: Stories with Spark."* **Look for the first issue in your inbox on Wednesday, Aug. 27!**

[Share your good news!](#)

[Send a "High Five"!](#)

Past issues of all our employee newsletters are available [on our website](#).



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Mapleton News

Attention Classified staff! Join Mapleton's Classified Council to be a voice for your team!

Be a voice for your school or department by joining Mapleton's Classified Council.

Classified Council Representatives attend quarterly meetings to share updates, discuss important topics, and represent the voices of classified staff in their school or department. They help communicate key information—like policy or procedure changes—and bring questions, ideas, and concerns back to the Council. They also support their teams by helping explain interpretations of the [Classified Handbook](#).

Each school or department is invited to select one **Classified Council Representative** and one **alternate** to help strengthen communication across the district. Please work with your principal or department head to make your selections by this **Friday, Aug. 15**. The first meeting will be held in September.

Once selected, please send the names of your representative and alternate to [Melodie Mull](#).

New license renewal requirements for teachers and special service providers

As of June 30, 2025, Colorado educators renewing a Professional Teacher License or a Special Service Provider (SSP) License must now meet new professional development requirements. These include 10 contact hours focused on topics such as behavioral health, inclusive education, and laws related to students with disabilities.

If you've worked in Mapleton in recent years, you may have already earned qualifying hours through previous professional development sessions. Mapleton is working to provide re-licensure letters and offer additional training opportunities throughout the 2025–26 school year.

Please take a moment to [carefully review the new professional development requirements for renewing a Professional Teacher License and a Special Service Provider License with the Colorado Department of Education](#) ([HB 20-1128](#) and [HB 20-1312](#)).

If you have questions, contact [A.J. Staniszewski](#) for support.

New License Renewal Requirements - Learn More!



The Mapleton Spirit Wear Store Is open!

The [Mapleton spirit wear store](#) is now open for a limited time! Staff can order casual Mapleton gear, including polos, sweaters, vests, and T-shirts.

The online store will close on **Monday, Aug. 18**, at 11:59 p.m. Orders will be delivered approximately 2–3 weeks after the store closes.

Get your Mapleton Spirit Gear!

News from Assessment and Accountability

View student test data in eduCLIMBER

Curious how your students performed on last year's tests, or how they're doing on this year's assessments? The **eduCLIMBER Data Wall** can help.

[Watch this short video](#) to learn how to build and view a data wall in eduCLIMBER.

2025–26 Assessment calendar

The District Assessment calendar for the 2025-26 school year is now available. Please review the schedule [using this link](#).

Upcoming assessments:

- NWEA MAP (BOY): Aug. 25–Sept. 12
- READ Act (Amplify, aimswebPlus) (BOY): Sept. 2–18

Review the new NWEA MAP 2025 Norms

NWEA has released its updated **2025 Norms**. Please [follow this link](#) to review them.

The new norms are based on post-pandemic test data, offering a more accurate, current view of student performance nationwide. They are now reflected in MAP Growth reports to show how students compare to peers with similar backgrounds across the country.

The [NWEA Norms Toolkit](#) provides additional details for you and your teachers. The 2025 norms show that student achievement has declined since 2020, with greater differences between students, especially at the lower end of the achievement scale. They also reflect updates to MAP Growth’s algorithm, including a new enhanced item selection process, which has contributed to higher typical growth in math.

See the image below for changes in RIT scores by achievement/growth level.

	Achievement			Growth		
	Bottom	Middle	Top	Bottom	Middle	Top
Reading	↓↓	↓	●	↓↓	↓	●
Math	↓↓	↓	↕	●	↑	↑↑
Language Usage	↓↓	↓	●	↓	●	●
Science	↓	●	↑	●	●	●

Note. ↓ = decline; ↑ = increase; ● = stable/no meaningful change; ↕ = mixed pattern

Access CMAS scores in the new CDE Family Portal

Starting this year, parents can view their child’s CMAS state test results through the Colorado Department of Education’s new Family Portal. This secure website provides parents access to

scores from the CMAS tests given each spring to students in grades 3–8.

Please remind parents that CMAS scores are just one part of a student’s academic story. Combined with report cards, classroom work, and teacher feedback, these results help create a fuller picture of a student’s learning and growth.

For details about the new Family Portal, see [CDE Assessment Parent Portal.docx](#).

News from Information Technology

High ticket volume – thank you for your patience!

The Information Technology team is working hard to address a high number of Helpdesk requests –more than 700 in the past week! We truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through the queue.

Please rest assured that every request will be resolved as quickly as possible. If your ticket is urgent and needs immediate attention, please give the Help Desk a call at **303.853.1057**.

Encouraging email awareness and new Clever MFA for students

As the new school year begins, staff are encouraged to remind students to be cautious about unfamiliar or suspicious emails and to avoid clicking links in phishing messages. Increasing student awareness can help reduce compromised accounts, like ones hooked by “Summer/Part-time Job” phishing scams.

Over the summer, Information Technology added an additional layer of protection for students in grades 7–12 with active email accounts, Clever Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). This adds a verification step when students log in.

Students in grades 7–12 will now be prompted to select a six-digit PIN the first time they log into their Chromebook. They will need to enter this PIN each time they log into their device.

For instructions on how to enroll and set up their PIN, students can [refer to this document](#). If a student forgets their PIN, teachers can reset it by following the [instructions in this document](#).

News from Teaching and Learning

Teaching and Learning SharePoint updates

Check out the newly reorganized [Teaching and Learning SharePoint!](#)

Under **Rigorous Curriculum Design and Intentional Planning**, you can find:

- Priority Standards
- Quarterly Pacing Guides
- Unit and Lesson Planning Resources
- Curriculum Resources (Vendor Resources)

Monthly curricular resource assessment calendars are under **Unit and Lesson Planning** in the **Rigorous Curriculum Design** section.

On the **Instructional Design Team** page, you can find:

- Support documents for IDTs and Data-Driven Instruction

On the **Literacy Resources** page, you can find

- Primary Literacy resources
- Support documents for Benchmark Advance K-5

Assessment resources and information can be accessed by clicking the arrow next to Assessment.

- **District Interim Assessment information:** administering the assessments, dates, pacing guides (same as under Quarterly Pacing Guides), and interim assessment data analysis information
- **Content Review Links for the Interim Assessments:** Quarter 1 links - These are for teacher and administrator Content Review ONLY and are NOT to be shared with students, as they are semi-secure and are the actual questions on the assessments. These links are no longer active once testing begins.

Other pages include:

- ELD: English Language Development
- GT: Gifted and Talented

If you have questions about where to find something on the [Teaching and Learning SharePoint](#), or about Interim Assessments, please do not hesitate to contact [Veronica Shea](#) in Teaching and Learning, ext. 1064.

New middle and high school grading scales

Starting this year, with the update to [Board Policy IKA](#), grades of D will now be considered passing in middle and high school. This change applies to all high schools, as well as 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes.

Updated grading scales are now available in Infinite Campus and have been pushed out to schools. Teachers should ensure their gradebooks are set up to match the correct grading scale. A tutorial video from the Information Technology Department will be shared soon.

For questions, contact [Annaleah Bloom](#) at ext. 1113.

News from Integrated Services

Introducing Enid Nieves, Student Success Coordinator/McKinney-Vento Liaison

Integrated Services welcomes Enid Nieves as the district's new Student Success Coordinator/McKinney-Vento Liaison. In this role, Enid will partner with schools to ensure students experiencing homelessness or housing instability have access to the resources and support they need to succeed.



Her work will include:

- Identifying and supporting students and families who qualify under the McKinney-Vento Act
- Helping remove barriers to enrollment, attendance, and academic success
- Coordinating transportation and community resources
- Providing guidance and training for staff on McKinney-Vento rights and services

Over the next few weeks, Enid will reach out to schools to coordinate times to meet with staff, review current caseloads, and start making connections with students. Staff who have identified a student or family in need may [complete this referral form](#) or scan the QR code on the right to refer them to her.

For questions or assistance, please don't hesitate to [contact Enid directly](#), ext. 1083.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Aug. 13 - First Day of School for 8th, 10th-12th, and Kinders last names L-Z

Wednesday, Aug. 13 - Board Study Session, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 27 - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 1 - Labor Day - All district offices closed

Wednesday, Sept. 10 - Campus POW/MIA 9/11 Ceremony, DiTirro Stadium, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 10 - Board Study Session, 5:30 p.m.

[Skyview Wolverines Athletics Calendar](#)

[District Performing Arts Calendar](#)

“Ignite: Stories that Spark” Call for Submissions

Let's brag about it! Is something happening in your school that you would love to highlight or “show off?” We know you are awesome, so let's celebrate it! Please submit a paragraph and pictures detailing your good news to communications@mapleton.us.

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