



Mapleton Public Schools



The Family Connection

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Explore PK-8 is Mapleton's new Attendance Superhero!

At Explore PK-8, the importance of attendance is impossible to miss. The school keeps its efforts highly visible, from banners and posters to a big cafeteria tracker that shows daily attendance by grade, helping students and families see exactly why showing up matters. Explore currently averages about 93% daily attendance, and chronic absenteeism has steadily declined since the school launched its attendance push last year.

From monthly Community Meeting shout-outs to rewards for top-attending classes and perfect-attendance prize drawings, Explore has created a culture where showing up feels exciting and celebrated. Staff also work closely with families to remove barriers, ensuring every student has the support needed to be in class.

Read Explore's full story [here](#) in our "News from the District" section.

Tell us why your school is Mapleton's next Attendance Superhero! Email Communications@mapleton.us.

Enrollment and Annual Update for the 2026-27 school year

Current Mapleton families! It's time to complete the Annual Update

To prepare for the upcoming school year, all Mapleton families need to log onto the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal and complete the Annual Update](#).

The Annual Update is how current families confirm important student information, like phone numbers, home addresses, and emergency contacts. The Annual Update is also how current families enroll a new student, such as a sibling, or select a new school for the upcoming year, if needed.

Who needs to select a new school for the 2026-27 school year?

Current families who need to use the Annual Update process to select a new Mapleton school for the 2026-27 school year include:

- **All preschool students moving on to kindergarten.** Preschool students are not automatically enrolled in kindergarten if it is offered at their current school.
- **6th grade students attending Adventure Elementary and Welby Community School of the Arts that are moving on to 7th grade.**
- **8th graders attending Achieve Academy, Clayton Partnership School, Explore PK-8, Meadow Community School, Monterey Community School, or Trailside Academy moving on to 9th grade.**

Families choosing a new school for the 2026–27 school year will receive their school placement notifications at the end of February.

When does the Annual Update open?

The Annual Update opens today, **Tuesday, Dec. 9**. Families are encouraged to complete the Annual update by **Friday, Feb. 13**.

How do families complete the Annual Update?

The Annual Update is located in the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). Step-by-step instructions and a detailed video are available [on the Mapleton website](#).

If you need help accessing the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the main office of your child's school.

Complete the Annual Update starting Tuesday, Dec. 9

Upcoming Enrollment Events

School tours

From **January through March**, all Mapleton schools will be hosting tours to help families see classrooms, meet staff, and learn more about each campus. A full calendar of upcoming tours is [available on our website](#).

Families are also welcome to [contact any Mapleton school](#) to arrange a visit.

School Tour Calendar

Mapleton Discovery Fairs - two opportunities to attend!

Mapleton's new district-wide Discovery Fairs will help current and prospective families learn about their school options and feel confident in choosing the right fit. Find resources, information stations, and helpful workshops, all designed to support you through the enrollment process. Attend one of our two upcoming events!

What you will find at the Discovery Fairs:

Resources and Information Stations

- Enrollment resources
- Preschool/UPK
- Career and Technical Education
- Extracurricular activities
- Transportation
- Examples of what learning looks like in Mapleton
- Community resources

Workshops: Each workshop will be offered twice each evening and will last approximately 15 minutes.

- **How to enroll in Mapleton:** Learn about Mapleton's district of choice approach to learning and how to complete Mapleton's application for enrollment.
- **Supports for multilingual learners and special populations:** Learn about the supports available for multilingual learners and special populations, and how Mapleton provides the personalized services every student needs to learn, grow, and thrive.
- **Choosing and Transitioning:** Explore how to select the best-fit school for your family and learn about the supports Mapleton offers during key transitions, whether moving into kindergarten,

stepping into middle school, or beginning high school. Principals and school teams will be on hand to answer questions and help you imagine your child's next steps.

Two opportunities to attend!

Families are welcome to attend the date and location that works best for them.

Discovery Fair #1

Wednesday, January 14, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Global Campus, John Dewey Student Center
7480 Broadway, Bldg 2, Denver, 80221

Discovery Fair #2

Wednesday, January 28, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Skyview Campus, Student Center
8990 York St., Thornton, 80229

Learn more

[Find full details about Mapleton's enrollment process and new Discovery Fairs here!](#)

Universal Preschool applications now open!

Family enrollment for the 2026-27 Colorado Universal Preschool school year opens today, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Starting in August 2023, Colorado implemented Universal Preschool across the state. This voluntary program aims to ensure that every Colorado child in the year before they are eligible for kindergarten receives up to 15 hours of funded preschool each week for the August-May school year to attend a high-quality preschool of their choice.

Children in Colorado can register for up to 15 hours per week of free, high-quality preschool in their year before kindergarten through Colorado's Universal Preschool Program, also known as Universal Pre-K (UPK). Families may qualify for more free hours based on a number of qualifying factors, per available funding, described further on page 8 and 9 and at bit.ly/QualifyingFactors.

Mapleton and UPK

We're pleased to once again be participating in UPK and we would be honored to serve your family for in 2026-27!

Families with children currently enrolled, children with siblings currently enrolled, or who have a parent or guardian currently employed at Mapleton can "match" with Mapleton directly!

To do so, families must complete their registration by **Monday, Feb. 2, 2026**.

- **Step 1: Complete** the Mapleton [Annual Update](#) by logging into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account. Need help creating an account? Please email the Preschool office at

Preschool@mapleton.us or call 303.853.1784.

- **Step 2:** Login or create a Colorado Universal Preschool account: <https://upk.colorado.gov/>
- **Step 3:** Make sure one of the following locations is selected as your top choice for provider preference on your UPK application. You will also need to select your program choice, **AM/PM/Full Day**. Mapleton's locations for the 2026-27 school year include:
 - Adventure Elementary - **AM/PM/Full Day**
 - Explore PK-8 - **AM/PM ONLY**
 - Global Primary Academy – **Full Day ONLY**
 - Preschool on Poze - **AM/PM/Full Day**
 - Meadow Community - **AM/PM/Full Day**
 - Trailside Academy - **AM/PM/Full Day**
 - Welby Community School of the Arts - **AM/PM/Full Day**
 - Valley View Innovation School – **Full Day ONLY**
- **Step 4:** When asked about continuity of care questions, make sure to list one of Mapleton's Preschool programs in one of the responses.

Families new to the Universal Preschool program will be matched with one of their top 10 preferred providers during matching rounds in February and March.

- **Step 1:** Login or create a Colorado Universal Preschool account: <https://upk.colorado.gov/>
- **Step 2:** Make sure one of Mapleton's Preschool locations is selected as your top choice for provider preference.

You can find our school profile at upk.colorado.gov and submit your registration starting On Tuesday, Dec. 9, through Monday, Feb.

New families should also complete a Mapleton application for enrollment at [Mapleton Enrollment Application](#).

For questions or more information, please contact Mapleton's Early Childhood Education Department, at Preschool@mapleton.us or 303.853.1784

Snow days and severe weather

The decision to close schools due to adverse conditions is based on many factors, including reports on road conditions from the Colorado Department of Transportation, weather reports, and information from local and state law enforcement agencies, among other considerations.

All decisions are made with the safety of staff, students, and families top of mind. The determination to cancel school for an entire day will happen as early as possible. Staff and families will be notified via Finalsite Messages XR (autodial, text message, email), Mapleton's website, social media, and local media.

2-Hour Delayed Start

On a delayed start day, school will begin **two hours later** than the usual start time. For example, if school normally begins at 8:10 a.m., a two-hour delay will mean it begins at 10:10 a.m. Bus pick-up times would also be delayed by two hours. If your child is normally at the bus stop by 7:30 a.m., on a late start day they would need to be at the bus stop by 9:30 a.m.

A two-hour delay would also mean that **Zero Hour classes will be canceled for that day as well as morning (AM) preschool**. Full-day preschool will begin two hours late and afternoon (PM) preschool will start on time.

Families will be notified of either a late start or school cancellation through school and district communication tools (autodial, text message, email). Please make sure your contact information (home phone, cell phone, and email address) is up-to-date so you can receive important school delay and closure information.

Local television and radio stations will have weather-related delays and closure information as well as Mapleton's Facebook page and website at www.mapleton.us.

Delayed Start – Employee Care

With a delayed start, toddler care and preschool before care (employee care) are also delayed two hours and open at 8:45 a.m.

Food resources in Mapleton

Wolverine Den Food Pantry

Achieve Academy, 9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton, 80229

Thursdays, 9-11 a.m.

Thanks to our partnership with [Food for Hope](#), Mapleton families can access nutritious food right here in our community through the Wolverine Den food pantry.



The Wolverine Den food pantry is located on the bottom level of Achieve Academy (9100 Poze Blvd.) and is open to all Mapleton families **every Thursday from 9–11 a.m.**, with no appointment needed. The pantry offers a variety of essential items and will continue to expand its selection as it grows. All Mapleton families are invited to stop by the Wolverine Den. **If you cannot visit the Wolverine Den food pantry during open hours, please contact your school principal. Limited opportunities for food bag deliveries are available.**

Thornton Community Food Pantry

Skyview Campus, 8990 York St., Thornton, 80229

Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Located on the Skyview Campus, 8990 York St., Thornton, the Thornton Community Food Pantry serves residents in zip codes 80229 and 80260. Guests will need a photo ID and proof of address

for each visit. The Thornton Community Food Pantry is open Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Looking for additional food resources in our community?

The Adams County Human Services page offers a “Find Food Near You” tool to connect families and individuals with food pantries, mobile distributions, and fresh-food options across Adams County. You’ll also find links to bilingual help through Mile High United Way (call 2-1-1) and support for students through school meal programs.

For more information, click the link below.

[Find Food Near You](#)

Community Resources

[211 Colorado](#)

Phone: 2-1-1

Service: 211 is a statewide service that connects individuals and families to a wide range of community resources. You can access holidays and other local assistance programs online or by simply dialing 2-1-1.

[A Precious Child](#)

Phone: 303-466-4272

Service: A Precious Child Gift program makes sure children who might otherwise go without can experience the magic of the holiday season. [Learn more about how to receive support.](#)

[Bienvenidos Food Bank](#)

Phone: 303-433-6328

Service: Bienvenidos Food Bank will distribute fresh and non-perishable food to low-income seniors, individual, and families on the first three Thursdays of December (December 4, 11, and 18). It will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25. No appointment required. Distribution hours are 10 a.m. - noon, and 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

[Servicios de la Raza - Food and Gift Baskets](#)

Phone: 303-458-5851

Address: 3131 W. 14th Ave., Denver

Service: Servicios de la Raza will distribute Christmas baskets filled with food and gifts for families with children ages (0-17) on Thursday, Dec. 18, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. First-come, first-served while supplies last.

Adams County Health Department and Housing Support

The Adams County Health Department (ACHD) through the Adams County Thriving Communities Collaborative (ACTCC) has made housing one of its top three community-health priorities because unfit housing and housing instability can affect families' wellbeing. The Housing Stability Program offers resources like eviction-prevention support, housing-navigation services and healthy-homes assistance throughout Adams County. For more information, click the link below.

[**ACHD Housing Support**](#)

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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