



Mapleton Public Schools

The Family Connection

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Show our bus drivers some love during Love the Bus Month!

February is Love the Bus Month, a nationwide celebration of school bus drivers and the important role they play in keeping students safe. At Mapleton, we're recognizing the dedication, responsibility, and heart behind our 60-member Transportation team.

Did you know Mapleton has 32 bus drivers who cover 28 routes, logging more than 265,000 miles each year, or 311,000 miles when you include field trips and special events? Last year, the team completed about 1,900 trips, transporting students to places like the Denver Zoo and Loveland Ski Area for snowboarding trips.

Our drivers often work long days, and safety is always top of mind. Some even go the extra mile by using air horns to alert drivers who try to pass stopped school buses with flashing stop signs while students are loading and unloading.

"It's nice to be appreciated because our drivers have really hard jobs," said Heather Salgado, Mapleton's Transportation Director. "They're driving buses and taking care of dozens of students at the same time. Just recognizing how much responsibility that takes means a lot."

Join us in celebrating Love the Bus Month and thanking the drivers who help keep Mapleton moving every day.



Unified Wolverines to take on the Thornton Police Department!

Tickets are now on sale for Mapleton's third annual Unified Basketball Game, where the Unified Wolverines will take on the Thornton Police Department on Monday, March 2, at 4:30 p.m. at the Al Hower Gym on the Skyview Campus (8990 York St., Thornton).

The game kicks off Inclusion Week 2026 and is a beloved community event that celebrates teamwork, community, and inclusion. Unified Sports bring together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities, creating opportunities to build friendships, understanding, and belonging through shared competition.

Tickets are \$5, with all proceeds supporting Mapleton's Special Olympics athletes and Unified programs. Fans are also encouraged to order a Unified T-shirt to wear for the big day!

Purchase tickets to the game!

Order a Unified t-shirt!

Mapleton Education Foundation scholarship application is now open!

If you have a Mapleton senior in your family, it's time to apply for a Mapleton Education Foundation scholarship.

Every year, the Mapleton Education Foundation supports the post-secondary dreams of deserving Mapleton seniors with more than \$250,000 in scholarships.

The Foundation offers scholarships for a variety of postsecondary paths, including four-year universities, two-year colleges, and career or technical training programs. Applications are due by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6.

Review the application checklist and access the application on the [Mapleton Education Foundation's website](#).

These unique and important scholarship opportunities through the Mapleton Education Foundation are only for Mapleton students and one of the many benefits of choosing a high school in Mapleton!

Apply for a scholarship from the Mapleton Education Foundation

Sign-up open for Academy High School spring blood drive

Everyone is encouraged to [complete a sign-up form](#) to help support Academy High School's upcoming blood drive. The blood drive will be held in April at the Skyview Student Center, and survey responses will help organizers finalize the date.

The student-led blood drive is being organized by Academy High School senior Brandon A., with support from the school's Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Future Health Professionals club.

The drive will require **at least 50 volunteers, all 18 years or older**, to move forward. Completing the form now will help ensure the event can be scheduled and staffed successfully.

If you are willing to donate, please [complete the interest form here](#).

Annual Update

All families are encouraged to complete the Annual Update by Friday, Feb. 13!

The Annual Update is the online process that allows current Mapleton families to prepare for the upcoming school year by:

- Confirming a current student's school placement for next year
- Adding a new student to your household (such as a sibling)
- Updating contact information (phone numbers, emails, etc.)
- Requesting a new Mapleton school for a current student

Who needs to complete the Annual Update?

All current families in Mapleton must complete the Annual Update.

If your child's current school does not offer their next grade level, please complete the Annual Update to choose a new school for the upcoming year. This applies if you:

- Have a **preschool student advancing to kindergarten** (will be 5 years old by Oct. 1). *Please note: Preschool students are not automatically enrolled in kindergarten, even if their current school offers it.*
- Have a **sixth-grade student at Adventure Elementary or Welby Community School transitioning to seventh grade.**
- Have an **eighth-grade student at Achieve Academy, Clayton Partnership School, Explore PK-8, Meadow Community School, Monterey Community School, or Trailside Academy transitioning to ninth grade.**

To complete the Annual Update, log into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account, select **"More,"** and then **"Annual Update"** to select your schools and complete your information.

View our step-by-step video [here](#).

If you need assistance accessing your [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#), please contact your child's school.

For the best chance of securing your first-choice school, please complete the Annual Update by **Friday, Feb. 13. School placement notifications will be sent at the end of February.**

Complete the Annual Update today!

School tours

Wondering if a school is the right fit? The best way to know is to see it for yourself!

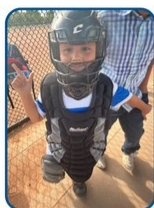
Throughout the month, all Mapleton schools are hosting tours where prospective families can visit classrooms, meet staff, and learn more about each campus. A [calendar of upcoming tours](#) is available on our website. Families are also welcome to [contact any Mapleton school](#) to arrange a visit.

School Tour Calendar

Community Resources

Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation Opportunities

Check Out Our Youth Programs!



Baseball League

- Ages 6-14
- Practices twice a week
- T-Ball & 8U - \$95
- 10U-14U - \$120



CARA Volleyball

- Play volleyball and compete against Denver Metro Teams
- Grades 2nd-8th
- Starts Mar. 17
- \$70



Kids On Belay

- Build confidence and learn how to climb a rock wall!
- Wednesdays
- 5:30-6:30pm at Hyland Hills Fitness Center
- \$22/4-week session



Kids N Canvas

- Kids painting classes twice a month
- \$22/Wed Class
- \$10/Sat Class



Gymnastics/Ninja Birthday Parties

- 1hr of supervised gymnastics or parkour activities at Hyland Hills Sports Center
- Available to book now! Call 303.650.7500



Princess Ball

- Friday, February 13
- 6-8pm
- Cottonwood Lodge
- \$15/child & \$30/adult
- All ages welcome! Includes dancing, activities, & refreshments.

3 Ways to Register Today!

Call Us:
303.650.7500

Visit Our Website:
hylandhills.gov

Scan



Hyland Hills discount to students attending school in unincorporated Adams County

Thanks to a generous donation from Adams County, most recreation programs offered by Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation are available at an **80% discount to any student attending a Mapleton school located in unincorporated Adams County**. This discount is available while funds last.

This opportunity is available to students attending the following Mapleton schools:

- Adventure Elementary
- Global Primary Academy
- Global Intermediate Academy
- Global Leadership Academy
- Performing Arts School on Broadway
- Trailside Academy
- Valley View Innovation School
- Welby Community School of the Arts

To verify eligibility and register for Hyland Hills Youth programs, bring your child's student ID to one of the following Hyland Hills locations listed below:

Hyland Hills Sports Center – 4201 W. 94th Ave., Westminster | 303.650.7581

- Mon.-Thurs. – 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Sat. – 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Sun. – 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Hyland Hills Fitness Center – 2861 W. 120th Ave., Westminster | 303.643.5699

- Mon.-Thurs. – 4:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Fri. – 4:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sat. and Sun. – 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

If you cannot get to one of the above locations, you may

- Scan/take a photo of this letter **OR** your child's student ID
- Email it to tnelson@hylandhills.gov to verify eligibility

Food Pantries

The Wolverine Den

9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton

Thursdays, 9-11 a.m.

Mapleton and Food for Hope have partnered to support Mapleton families by opening the Wolverine Den food pantry. The food pantry is located on the bottom level of **Achieve Academy (9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton)**, 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.



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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.



Thousands of food boxes are available for Adams County residents impacted by the disruption to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

After the government's 43-day shutdown, we know many people are facing challenges putting food on the table. Now Common Harvest Colorado, Bondadosa, and other community organizations are teaming up to keep Adams County families fed.

Food boxes are available now through mid-February, or until supplies run out.

Interested? Fill out the interest form to see if you qualify:



adcohealth.co/food-boxes

Please note you will be asked to provide your name, contact information, and address for food delivery.



Free Food to Support Adams County Residents

ACHD, Common Harvest Colorado, and Bondadosa are providing one-time home-delivered food boxes for people experiencing food insecurity and who cannot access food pantries. Deliveries will happen until mid-February, or while supplies last.

To see if you are eligible, please fill out this interest form: [ACHD Food Response Eligibility Survey](#).

Please note you will need to provide your name, contact information, and address for food to be delivered. For questions, please email foodaccess@adamscountyco.gov.

Financial Workshops and Tax Support



FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS AND SUPPORT



Are you living in Adams County? Do you have at least one child age 0-6?
**If so, then you are eligible to participate in our financial program
provided by the Savings Collaborative.**



February 25th – March 19th
Wednesdays from 5:00–6:30
OR
Thursdays from 9:30–11:00



These workshops will provide:

4 Classes covering: Money/Life Balance, Credit, Debt and Savings

Free Financial Coaching and Savings Accounts available from the Savings Collaborative

Each Class is offered over zoom with two options to join!
Wednesdays evening from 5pm -6:30pm or Thursday morning from 9:30am-11:am

Gift cards available for completing financials classes and coaching. Financial support is available to those who participate to set up savings accounts or pay towards a debt.



To register, please fill out our interest form, and someone will get back to you about your participation.

Contact Us

 720-289-2172

 kaylie@ecpac.org



ECPAC



Savings
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ADAMS COUNTY
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Receive **FREE**, high-quality tax preparation services if your household income was \$69,000 or less in 2025.

Families this year could get even more back, up to \$3,200 per child five and under, and up to \$2,400 per child ages six to sixteen.

Free in-person help is available		
Pickens Technical College 500 Airport Blvd., Aurora Service Type: By appointment, drop-off <i>Please scan QR code to schedule an appointment.</i> Dates: January 28 – March 5 Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Anythink Library – Commerce City 7185 Monaco St., Commerce City Service Type: By appointment, in-person <i>Please scan QR code to schedule an appointment.</i> Dates: January 29 – April 2 Hours: Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County 7190 Colorado Blvd., Commerce City Service Type: By appointment, in-person <i>Please scan QR code to schedule an appointment.</i> Dates: January 27 – March 31 Hours: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Anythink Library – Huron Street 9417 Huron St., Thornton Service Type: By appointment, in-person <i>Please scan QR code to schedule an appointment.</i> Dates: January 28 – April 1 Hours: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Front Range Community College – Westminster 3645 W 112th Ave., Suite 1831, Westminster Service Type: By appointment, in-person <i>Please scan QR code to schedule an appointment.</i> Dates: January 31 – April 11 Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Scan here to book an appointment  https://taxhelpco.org/get-free-tax-help/find-a-free-tax-site/

For more information visit taxhelpco.org.

Questions? Let us help! Email taxsupport@adamscountycgo.gov



Housing

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

Maiker Housing Partners Housing Choice Voucher and Project-Based Voucher 2026 Online Lottery Opening

Applications will be available **ONLINE ONLY** beginning on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. through Thursday, March 5, 2026, closing at 11:59 p.m.

Maiker Housing Partners administers the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program through an ONLINE lottery-based application process. Interested individuals must submit a lottery entry online on Maiker's website: www.maikerhp.org.

To hear recorded information about the lottery, call 303-227-2743.

Online lottery applications submitted within the designated time frame will be placed into Maiker's lottery pool. Random drawings will be conducted throughout the year when funding becomes available. If an applicant is selected, they will be notified by mail to complete a formal application and will be processed to determine eligibility.

Selected families must meet the following basic eligibility requirements, among others:

- Complete the application and all other required forms
- Submit all required documents, including photo identification and birth certificates/social security cards
- Verify eligible immigration status: if not a U.S. citizen, documentation verifying lawful U.S. residency is required
- Pass a background check: applicants must not have engaged in any criminal activity within the last 36 months/3 years, as reported by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- Income may not exceed the guidelines listed below:

1 Persons in Family	2 Persons in Family	3 Persons in Family	4 Persons in Family	5 Persons in Family	6 Persons in Family	7 Persons in Family	8 Persons in Family
\$49,050	\$56,050	\$63,050	\$70,050	\$75,700	\$81,300	\$86,900	\$92,500

Reasonable Accommodation

Any applicant with a disability may request reasonable accommodation at any time. Maiker will provide the required reasonable accommodation to ensure effective communication and participation in its programs. For reasonable accommodation requests, please email housingchoicevoucher@maikerhp.org.



2026 Housing Choice Voucher / Section 8 Lottery – Frequently Asked Questions

Lottery Selection Process:

The Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program administered by Maiker Housing Partners uses a lottery-based application process. Lottery dates change each year and are published in the legal section of the newspaper, on our recorded lottery line at 303-227-2743, and on our website at www.maikerhp.org.

Do I have to live in Adams County to apply?

No. You do not have to live in Adams County to apply; however, if you are a non-resident applicant, you may be required to lease a unit within our jurisdiction for the first 12 months after receiving assistance.

If my number is drawn, is assistance guaranteed?

Applicants are selected through a random lottery drawing. If selected, you will be notified by mail to complete the application and formal eligibility processing.

This includes:

- Meeting income eligibility requirements
- Completing the application and all required forms
- Submitting all required documents, including photo identification, birth certificates/social security cards, and court-ordered custody verification
- Providing verification of eligible immigration status—if you are not a U.S. citizen, documentation verifying lawful U.S. residency and/or eligible immigration status is required
- Passing a background check: applicants must not have engaged in criminal activity within the last 36 months/3 years, as reported by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

What should I do if I have changes?

It is your responsibility to submit any changes online through our lottery portal.

What if I am not selected?

If not selected, we encourage interested parties to reapply each year or when the waiting list is open to new applicants.

Reasonable accommodation requests may be made at housingchoicevoucher@maikerhp.org



Health

2026 Shots for Tots and Teens Clinic schedule

Where: Adams County Health Department
1401 W. 122nd Avenue, Westminster
303.451.0123



When:

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (or until capacity is reached)

- March 7, 2026
- April 25, 2026
- September 12, 2026
- October 10, 2026
- November 14, 2026

Serving uninsured, Medicaid, CHP+, Medicare, and most privately insured patients, including Kaiser. ACHD is unable to see patients with Denver Health Medicaid and select private insurances.

[Click here for more information.](#)



**ADAMS COUNTY
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FAMILY & CHILD SERVICES WITHIN
**ADAMS COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**



HEALTH ENROLLMENT TEAM
HealthEnrollment@adamscountyco.gov
303.363.3013

▶ Our team can help people **ages 0-64** apply for Health First Colorado (Medicaid), Child Health Plan Plus, Presumptive Eligibility (Medicaid/CHP+), Connect for Health Colorado, and Colorado Connect. This includes changing household information, renewing paperwork, and troubleshooting.



IMMUNIZATIONS
Immunizations@adamscountyco.gov
303.451.0123

▶ Our trained nurses offer all routine infant and child vaccines, adult routine vaccines, respiratory vaccines, Mpox vaccine, rabies vaccine, TB skin tests, and blood tests (titers) for measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox in a welcoming and comforting environment. We provide low and no-cost vaccines for people with or without insurance, including Medicaid, CHP+, Kaiser, Tricare, Medicare, and most private insurances.



PROJECT CONNECTS



SEXUAL HEALTH
shp@adamscountyco.gov
303.363.2018

▶ Our team provides confidential birth control and sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment. Clients **ages 21-64** may receive no-cost cervical and breast cancer screening, including mammograms.



HARM REDUCTION
ProjectConnects@adamscountyco.gov
303.363.3077

▶ Our team reduces risks related to substance use by offering harm reduction supplies, education, and resources. We provide **Naloxone, HIV and STI testing, and safer sex supplies.**



**PROJECT
CONNECTS**

FAMILY & CHILD SERVICES WITHIN ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP®

NFPRrerrals@adamscountycgo.gov
303.255.6246

- ▶ Nurses provide regular visits to families pregnant with their **first child through the child's second birthday**. The program helps first-time parents provide their babies with the best possible start in life. Scan the QR code for referrals or call for more information.



NURSE SUPPORT PROGRAM

NurseSupport@adamscountycgo.gov
720.769.7620

- ▶ Nurses provide Adams County **pregnant and parenting families** with individualized support, education, resources, and care coordination to help them be their strongest. Call to refer or enroll.



HCP A PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS

HCPReferrals@adamscountycgo.gov
303.517.0427

- ▶ Our nurses provide resources and care coordination to children and youth, **ages 0-21**, with special health care needs. All Adams County residents and families may participate in this program.



WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC)

WIC@adamscountycgo.gov
303.220.9200

- ▶ WIC provides nutritious groceries, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and other free services to Adams County families that are **pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum**, or have **children under five years old**.
- ▶ Families can join if they meet income guidelines or have a family member in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF. Call or email to see if you qualify and to request an appointment.



BABY CAFÉ

303.426.5232

- ▶ Baby Café is a weekly breastfeeding support group and is open to any **pregnant or breastfeeding parent** to connect, check their infant's weight, or have their breastfeeding questions answered.

- **Thursdays, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**
- **7000 Broadway, Suite 400, Denver**



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Do you want to help improve children's health in Adams County? Please reach out to us – we have many groups and ways for community members to engage!

adamscountyhealthdepartment.org

[/adamscountyhealthdepartment](https://www.facebook.com/adamscountyhealthdepartment)

[/adamscountyhealth](https://www.instagram.com/adamscountyhealth)

988 Colorado Mental Health Line

The 988 Colorado Mental Health Line has officially launched a [new Youth Landing Page](#). This page is designed to meet young people where they are and provide mental health resources in a way that feels accessible, relevant, and supportive. The page offers age-appropriate guidance, stories, and tools that help youth recognize when they need support and know exactly where to turn.

Colorado Mental Health Line | 988 is always available, 24/7, 365 days per year via call, text, or live chat.

988 Colorado Mental Health Line - Youth

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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Mapleton is hiring! Check out our current opportunities!



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