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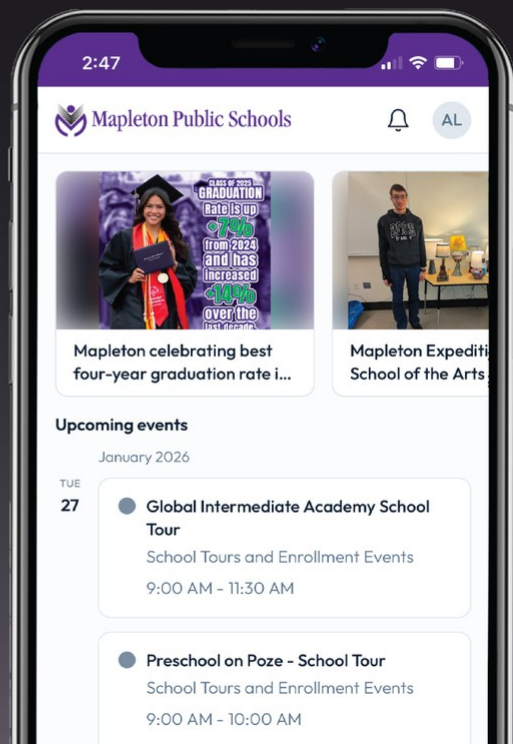
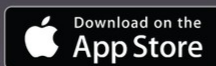
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New District cell phone policy

Following parent/guardian, student, and staff surveys, conversations with school leaders, and more than a year of research on cell phone use in schools, Mapleton's Board of Education adopted a new policy on student cell phones and personal technology devices in February.

[Policy JICJ, *Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Technology Devices*](#), recognizes that personal devices can be useful tools for learning. At the same time, the policy affirms that keeping personal technology devices put away during the school day is one of the most effective ways to maintain safe, supportive, and focused learning environments where all students can thrive.

Under the new policy, all schools must establish clear rules and procedures for student use of personal technology devices during the school day by **September 15, 2026**. These school-level expectations must:

1. Reference and support healthy habits regarding the use of personal technology devices.
2. Be created with input from representatives from all stakeholder groups.
3. Explain that all schools are equipped with landlines, 2-way radios, and other methods of communication, able to be used in an emergency, which do not include the use of personal technology devices.
4. Include provisions for educating staff, students, and parents about the rules and procedures themselves, as well as about the reasons supporting the establishment of a particular set of rules.
5. Address all parts of the school day – including but not limited to instructional time, lunch, passing periods, and other non-scheduled time.
6. Explain sanctioned methods for phone storage, collection, and distribution, as necessary.
7. Address the developmental needs of the population served.
8. Describe how rules will be enforced and ensure that rule violations are addressed with restorative practices whenever possible.
9. Make clear that personal technology devices are permitted to be carried and used when such devices are necessary medical or assistive devices, and may be permitted when students leave the school campus for a school-approved reason.
10. Provide guidelines for when personal technology devices may be used as an educational tool.

Review the full policy on [Mapleton's website](#).

Upcoming assessments

This April, school districts across Colorado, including Mapleton Public Schools, will administer state assessments, including Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS), PSAT, or SAT.

If your child is scheduled to take one of these tests, whether it is the CMAS (Grades 3-8), PSAT (Grades 9-10), or SAT (Grade 11), we strongly encourage you to have them take the test. State assessments are an opportunity for your child to show what they know, and help teachers track academic progress and identify any learning gaps. Please encourage your child to do their best by ensuring they get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time.

Parents have the right to opt their children out of taking these assessments. If you choose to opt your student(s) out of the state assessments, please complete the [annual assessment opt-out form](#) and give it to your child's school principal.

How do state assessments help my child?

CMAS and PSAT/SA are the only common measuring tools for Colorado students. The tests measure real-world skills like problem-solving and critical thinking that are aligned with classroom work. Assessments provide you, your child, and Mapleton Public Schools with valuable information, including:

- What your child has been learning and practicing in their classroom and how well they are connecting with classroom instruction.
- How local schools are meeting the needs of all students.
- Your child's progress toward being college-and-career ready after graduation.
- Any achievement gaps to ensure all students are supported in making meaningful progress.
- Any schools that may need additional assistance or resources.

How do state assessments help my school and district?

Assessment scores impact the data families and community members use to compare our schools with neighboring districts. When only a fraction of our students take the assessments, our results do not truly reflect the bright students we have in our schools. We need your help to ensure your child is ready to show what they know on assessment day.

How can I support my child?

To help you and your child prepare for the state assessments, free test practice resources are linked below:

[CMAS Resources](#)

[CMAS Practice Tests](#)

[K-12 Educators: PSAT 8/9 Resources for Students](#)

[Preparing for PSAT 10](#)

[SAT Practice and Preparation](#)

Annual parent letter - Colorado Department of Health and Environment

The [annual parent letter from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment](#) (CDPHE) includes important information and other resources about Colorado's immunization requirements to attend school.

Colorado law requires students attending school to be vaccinated against many diseases, unless a certificate of exemption is filed. For more information, visit cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-policy-and-board-health-rules.

Colorado requires vaccines to be given following the vaccine schedules outlined in Colorado Board of Health rule [6 CCR 1009-2](#) for the number and spacing of doses of the required vaccines. View the recommended vaccine schedule for [children birth through 6 years](#) and [children/adolescents 7-18 years of age](#).

Get seventh-grade ready:

Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, Colorado law requires adolescents to receive one dose of Tdap **before their first day** of seventh grade. Adolescents who had a Tdap at sixth-grade entry for

the 2025-2026 school year do not need another dose for seventh grade. Questions? Refer to the [Tdap letter](#), linked on our [school webpage](#).

Read the full letter:

[English](#)

[Spanish \(Español\)](#)

CDPHE Annual Parent Letter

Important Health Information: Measles Awareness

We want to share important health information as measles cases have recently been reported in Adams County. At this time, **there are no reported cases in Mapleton Public Schools**, and we are not aware of any exposures connected to our schools. We are sharing this information as part of our commitment to keeping families informed and supporting the health and well-being of our students and staff.

Measles is a highly contagious viral illness. Symptoms typically begin with fever, cough, runny nose, and red eyes, followed by a rash that usually starts on the face and spreads to the rest of the body. The best protection against measles is the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine.

Public health guidance requires that students who are exposed to measles and are not vaccinated or do not have documented immunity must stay home from school and activities for up to 21 days. This timeline may be extended if additional exposures occur. Staying up to date on immunizations is the best way to help avoid these disruptions to your child's learning.

We encourage families to:

- Review their child's immunization records and make sure vaccinations are up to date. Learn more about how to [request immunization records from the CDPHE](#).
- Contact their health care provider with any health concerns.
- Keep students home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness. For guidance, please refer to [CDPHE How sick is too sick?](#)

Immunization Resources:

[Adams County Health Department Immunizations/Shots for Tots](#)

303-451-0123

[Kid's First / Alto Community Clinic](#)

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

303-428-4384

[Immunize Colorado – No and Low-Cost Vaccines](#)

Stay informed by visiting the [CDPHE measles webpage](#). Thank you for your partnership in helping keep our schools safe and healthy for all students.

Spring Break activities in Thornton, Adams County

Check out the following local activities to keep you busy during Mapleton's spring break, March 23-27!

- [Adams County Outreach Events](#) – Join family-friendly community outreach events at the Irving Street Library in Westminster.
 - [Thornton Parks and Recreation](#) – Discover a variety of programs and outdoor activities for all ages.
 - [Anythink Thornton Community Center](#) - Anythink Thornton Community Center has a 8,000-square-foot library within the community center. The library features the classic Anythink reading fireplace, study rooms, teen space, and children's space plus a new complete Studio makerspace.
 - [Community Resource Guide](#) – Access a comprehensive guide to community resources in Adams County, including information on housing, healthcare, and more. This guide can help families find additional free or low-cost activities and services.
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Community Resources

Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation Opportunities

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 poster features a central image of a food box filled with various items like bread, milk, and vegetables. Above the box is a photograph of the Wolverine Den Food Pantry building with its logo. The logo is a circular emblem with a blue background, a white owl, and the text 'WOLVERINE DEN FOOD PANTRY'. Below the building photo are logos for 'Food for Hope', 'Mapleton Public Schools', and 'FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES'. A blue text box contains the message: 'Food insecurity affects so many in our community, but together, we can help alleviate hunger.' Below this, a paragraph states: 'The Wolverine Den is a food pantry made possible by Food for Hope and Food Bank of The Rockies. No appointment is necessary, and all Mapleton families are welcome!' The bottom section is divided into two columns: 'Location' and 'Information'. The 'Location' column includes the address 'Achieve Academy, 9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton, 80229' and a map showing the intersection of Poze Blvd. and E 91st Ave. The 'Information' column lists the hours: 'Hours: Open every Thursday, 9-11 a.m.' and a QR code with the text 'Learn more at'.

WOLVERINE DEN FOOD PANTRY

Food for Hope | Mapleton Public Schools | FOOD BANK OF THE ROCKIES

Food insecurity affects so many in our community, but together, we can help alleviate hunger.

The Wolverine Den is a food pantry made possible by Food for Hope and Food Bank of The Rockies. No appointment is necessary, and all Mapleton families are welcome!

Location
Achieve Academy, 9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton, 80229

Please enter using the ground level-door on the south-east corner of the building, near the gym.

Information
Hours:
Open every Thursday, 9-11 a.m.

Learn more at



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 at **Achieve Academy (9100 Poze Blvd., Thornton)**, enter through the ground-level door on the southeast corner near the gym, 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.

Please note: The Wolverine Den will be closed on Thursday, March 26, for Spring Break.

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.

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





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

For more information visit taxhelpco.org.

Questions? Let us help! Email taxsupport@adamscountycogov



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

Health



HEALTH CARE FOR MAPLETON STUDENTS

Kids First Health Care provides high quality health care to all children - from birth to 21 - at its new Alto Community Clinic! In addition to medical and mental health care, Kids First provides Medicaid and CHP+ enrollment support, as well as resource navigation support.

3075 W. 71st Avenue
Westminster, CO 80030

Call **303-428-4384** to make an appointment!

ATENCIÓN MÉDICA PARA ESTUDIANTES DE MAPLETON

Kids First Health Care ofrece atención médica de alta calidad a todos los niños, desde su nacimiento hasta los 21 años, en su nueva Clínica Comunitaria Alto. Además de atención médica y de salud mental, Kids First ofrece apoyo para la inscripción en Medicaid y CHP+, así como para la búsqueda de recursos.

3075 W. 71st Avenue
Westminster, CO 80030

¡Llame al **303-428-4384** para hacer una cita!



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)

- 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.](#)



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.**



FAMILY & CHILD SERVICES WITHIN
ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP®

NFPReferrals@adamscountyco.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@adamscountyco.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@adamscountyco.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@adamscountyco.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**



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](#)

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Mapleton is hiring! Check out our current opportunities!



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