

In-District Choice/Enrollment

Mapleton Public Schools (the “District”) prides itself as a “District of Choice”, meaning that in-District students may choose which of the District’s schools they wish to attend, regardless of where in the District they live. This policy and accompanying regulation (JFBA-R) directs the manner in which in-District (resident) students and their families make that choice.

The Welcome Center

Because Mapleton Public Schools offers educational programs that are unique and targeted toward fostering learning through various philosophies, the District has established the Welcome Center to assist families in making choices about which school to attend. Accordingly, all students new to the District, starting school for the first time, or thinking about switching schools should contact the Welcome Center to learn about their choices and to receive assistance in making this decision.

Enrollment/Transfer Within the Enrollment Window

In December of each year, the Welcome Center will announce an enrollment period for in-District students for the upcoming school year. All current students/families will be notified of the enrollment period, and notice will also be posted on the website and other District publications. Students who are new to the District, starting school for the first time, or interested in transferring schools should contact the Welcome Center during the enrollment window to get the process started. The Welcome Center’s assessment of space available in a particular program or school is official. Students will be enrolled on a first-come, first-serve basis. See JFBA-R for the wait pool/lottery procedures.

Enrollment/Transfer Outside of the Enrollment Window

Students who move into the District during the school year, or who miss the enrollment window, should contact the Welcome Center as soon as possible. Students are enrolled on a first-come, first-serve basis, so although eligible in-District students will be permitted to enroll outside of the enrollment window, students will have to select from schools/programs with space available. Current students who wish to transfer to a different school outside of the enrollment window should first contact their School Director. The Director will find out which schools have availability and advise the student and their family. In some circumstances, especially for high school students, the timeliness of a transfer could be important and the School Director will discuss the consequences of making a mid-session transfer as it pertains to credits earned, credits lost, and graduation date.

Auto-Enrollment for Subsequent School Years

Students who wish to attend the same school that they attended the previous school-year do not need to re-enroll. Students will be automatically re-enrolled each year unless the Welcome Center is notified otherwise.

Transportation

As a “District of Choice,” Mapleton is committed to providing transportation to and from school for all in-District students regardless of the school’s location in relation to the student’s home. Families who do not live within walking distance of their school should contact Transportation Services prior to the start of the school year to find out bus stop locations. If there is not an existing bus stop close enough to the student’s home, Transportation Services should be notified within a reasonable time prior to the start of school and if necessary, appropriate adjustments to the transportation plan will be made. Transportation Services has policies and procedures in place to determine where bus stops are located and how the District makes decisions about transporting students to and from school. Homeless students and students with disabilities shall be transported, as necessary, in accordance with State and Federal law. See JFABD: Homeless Students.

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, marital status, national origin, religion, ancestry, or need for special education services in the determination or recommendation of action under this policy.

Special Education Students

Requests from the parents of special education students for enrollment or transfer to another school or program will be considered in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws. The student's current Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be used to determine if the requested school or program can meet the student's needs.

*Adopted 2013 by the Board of Education for Mapleton Public Schools.
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LEGAL REFERENCES:

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. § 22-32-110(1)(m) (*power to fix boundaries*)

C.R.S. §§ 22-36-101 *et seq.* (*open enrollment*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

EEA: Student Transportation

IHBG: Home Schooling

JFABD: Homeless Students

JFABE: Students in Foster Care

JFBB: Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment

JJJ: Extracurricular Activity Eligibility