

Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment

Mapleton Public Schools (the “District”) recognizes that students who live outside of District boundaries may benefit from the District’s philosophy and programming. Accordingly, Mapleton Public Schools welcomes students who reside outside of the District and will make admission decisions of out-of-district students pursuant to this policy and regulation JFBB-R, subject to space and program availability.

Nonresident students within the state who are accepted pursuant to this policy and regulation JFBB-R, may enroll in the programs or schools within the District on a space available basis without payment of tuition, except as otherwise provided by law.

In providing for admission of nonresident students, the District will not:

1. Make alterations in the structure of the requested school or to the arrangement or function of rooms within a requested school to accommodate the enrollment request.
2. Establish and offer any particular program in a school if such program is not currently offered in such school.
3. Alter or waive any established eligibility criteria for participation in a particular program, including age requirements, course prerequisites and required levels of performance.

Before considering requests for admission from nonresidents, priority shall be given to resident students who apply under the District's open enrollment/transfer plan.

Barring extraordinary circumstances, students enrolled pursuant to this policy shall be allowed to remain enrolled in the school or program through the end of the school year.

Transportation

Out-of-district students must arrange their own transportation to and from school. The District does not provide transportation to out-of-district students, although they will be permitted to utilize our transportation services if the student is able to get to one of the existing District bus stops. The only exceptions may be made if it is determined that transportation is necessary for the District to comply with state and federal law requirements for homeless and disabled students. Homeless and disabled students shall be transported, as necessary, in accordance with state and federal law.

Nondiscrimination

The Board, the Superintendent, other administrators, and District employees shall not unlawfully discriminate based on a student’s race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, sex, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, disability, or need for special education services in the determination or recommendation of action under this policy.

Special Education

Requests from the parents/guardians of special education students for admission shall be considered in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. The student's current Individual Education Plan (IEP) shall be used to determine if the requested school or program can meet the student's needs. Once the student is admitted, the District shall conduct a staffing to update the IEP.

Waiver Requests

The Superintendent shall present to the Board for its consideration any request from parents/guardians alleging violation of this policy.

Adopted March 26, 2013, by the Board of Education for Mapleton Public Schools.

LEGALREFERENCES:

C.R.S. 15-14- 105 (delegation of custodial power)

C.R.S. 19-1-115.5 (child in foster care placement is considered resident of school district in which foster home is located)

C.R.S. 22-1-102 (2) (definition of resident of district)

C.R.S. 22-20-106 (designation of general and special education responsibilities for students with disabilities)

C.R.S. 22-20-107.5 (defining district of residence for students with disabilities)

C.R.S. 22-20-109 (tuition for special education services)

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. 22-32-113 (1)(c) (transportation of students residing in another district)

C.R.S. 22-32-115 (district may pay tuition for student to attend in another district not to exceed 120% of per pupil general fund cost)

C.R.S. 22-32-115 (2) (b) (subject to 22-36-101 district must permit any student whose parents are residents of Colorado to attend w/o payment of tuition)

C.R.S. 22-32-115 (4) (a) (district is not liable for tuition except pursuant to written agreement)

C.R.S. 22-32-116 (if become non-resident may finish semester, if in 12th grade may finish year, special rules for elementary students)

C.R.S. 22-33-103 (any resident may attend district school w/o payment of tuition, tuition can be paid by district of residence pursuant to written agreement, parents may pay tuition if non-Colorado resident)

C.R.S. 22-33-106 (3) (grounds to deny admission)

C.R.S. 22-36-101 et seq. (open enrollment policy must have time line and reasons to deny enrollment)

C.R.S. 22-54-103 (10) (definition of pupil enrollment as of Oct. 1)

CROSSREFERENCES:

JF-R: Admission and Denial of Admission (Procedures for Students in Out-of-Home Placements)

JFAB: Continuing Enrollment of Students Who Become Nonresidents

JFABA: Nonresident Tuition Charges

JFABD: Homeless Students

JFBA: Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment