

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; or,
4. Enroll any nonresident student in any program or school after the pupil enrollment count day without first consulting with the superintendent or designee, to determine program and space availability.

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

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

Students granted permission to attend a school pursuant to this policy will have the same curricular and extracurricular status as all other students attending the school, as determined by applicable law, bylaws of the Colorado High School Activities Association, and the District’s eligibility requirements.

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. Homeless students, students in foster care, and students with disabilities will be transported, as necessary, in accordance with State and Federal law.

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

Requests from the parent(s)/guardian(s) of special education students for admission 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. Once the student is admitted, the District will conduct a staffing to update the IEP.

Waiver Requests

The Superintendent shall present to the Board for its consideration any request from parent(s)/guardian(s) alleging violation of this policy.

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LEGAL REFERENCES:

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. § 22-32-110(1)(k) (*definition of racial or ethnic background includes hair texture; definition of protective hairstyle*)

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(10.5) (*definition of pupil enrollment count day*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

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

JFABE: Students in Foster Care

JFBA: Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment

JJJ: Extracurricular Activity Eligibility