

# STUDENT ADMISSIONS AND DENIAL OF ADMISSIONS

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All persons aged six and under 21 who have not graduated from high school or who have not received any document evidencing completion of the equivalent of a secondary curriculum (G.E.D.) and who reside (as such term is defined in regulation JFAB-R) within the boundaries of this District may attend public schools without payment of tuition. The District shall also admit preschool children aged three and four who qualify for special programs provided by the District. In addition, persons who do not reside in the District may be admitted under District policies relating to nonresident students, subject to review under District policies relating to exclusion and exemption from school attendance, or by specific action of the Board.

A birth certificate or other proof of legal age, as well as proof of residence, shall be required by the school administration.

Except as otherwise provided by state law concerning enrollment of students in out-of home placements, students new to the district shall be enrolled conditionally until records, including discipline records, from the schools previously attended by the student are received by the district. In the event the student's records indicate a reason to deny admission, the student's conditional enrollment status shall be revoked.

## Denial of Admission

The Board of Education, the superintendent, or superintendent's designee may deny admission to the schools of the district in accordance with applicable law. (See Superintendent File JF-R-1).

Due process of law shall be provided to students and parents/guardians through written procedures consistent with law for denial of admission to a student. The policy and procedures for denial of admission shall be the same as those for student suspension and expulsion inasmuch as the same section of the law governs these areas.

## 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, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or disability in the determination or recommendation of action under this policy.

## Immunizations

Pursuant to applicable state law, a student may not attend any District school unless the school receives:

1. An up-to-date certificate of immunization; or
2. Written authorization signed by the parent/guardian or emancipated minor requesting that local health officials administer the immunizations.

A student shall be exempted from required immunizations only upon submission of:

- 1) certification from a licensed physician that one or more immunizations would endanger the child's life or health;
- 2) a statement signed by the parent/guardian or emancipated child that he or she adheres to a religious belief opposed to immunizations; or
- 3) a statement signed by the parent/guardian or emancipated child that he or she has a personal belief opposed to immunizations.

In the event of an outbreak of disease against which immunization is required, no exemption will be recognized and those students shall be excluded from school.

For immunizations for students in out-of-home placements (as that term is defined by C.R.S. 22-32-138(1)(e), unless the district or school is otherwise authorized to deny enrollment to a student in out-of-home placement, the district or school shall enroll the student regardless of whether the district or school has received the student's immunization records. Upon enrolling the student, the school shall notify the student's legal guardian that unless the school receives the student's certificate of immunization or a written authorization for administration of immunizations within fourteen (14) days after the student enrolls, the school shall suspend the student until such time as the school receives the certificate of immunization or authorization.

### **Fees for Admission**

The Board may establish fees for summer school, adult education, some preschool community education programs, and other District-sponsored programs in accordance with applicable law.

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### **LEGAL REFS.:**

Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004

C.R.S. 22-1-102(1), (2) (defines "resident")

C.R.S. 22-1-102.5 (defines "homeless child")

C.R.S. 22-1-115 (school age)

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. 22-32-138 (enrollment of students in out-of-home placements)

C.R.S. 22-32-138(1)(e) (students in out-of-home placements defined)

C.R.S. 22-32-116 (non-resident students)

C.R.S. 22-32-118 (summer school)

C.R.S. 22-33-103 through 22-33-110 (School Attendance Law of 1963)

C.R.S. 25-4-901 through 25-4-908 (school entry immunizations)

**CROSS REFS.:**

JFAB – Admission of Nonresident and Homeless Students

JFAB-R – Student Residency

JF-R-1 – Procedures for Denial of Admission

JF-R-2 – Enrollment of Students in Out-of Home Placements