



Title: **Admission of Students**

Code: JFAA

Section: Section J: Students

Except as provided elsewhere by law and Academy District 20 administrative policy, the District shall offer educational services to all resident children between ages six and twenty-one years old who have not graduated from high school.

Resident

A resident is defined as a person living within the District boundaries as verified by acceptable proof of residency (see administrative procedure JFAA R).

Non-Resident

A non-resident is defined as a person living outside Academy District 20 boundaries.

Resident Status Updates

A resident student enrolled in any District 20 school who becomes a non-resident during the course of a school year shall be designated as a non-resident choice student. Choice program policies and processes would immediately apply to the student. See JFB and JFB R for choice policies and procedures based upon C.R.S. 22-36-101.

Resident students enrolled in their Academy District 20 neighborhood school who move during the course of the school year out of their neighborhood attendance area, but remain within Academy District 20 boundaries, shall be designated as an Open Enroll (resident non-neighborhood) student. Choice program policies and processes would immediately apply to the student. See JFB and JFB R for choice policies and procedures based upon C.R.S. 22-36-101.

Per C.R.S. 22-36-101, the grounds for denying requests for non-resident choice and open enrollment include:

- a. There is a lack of space or teaching staff in a particular program or school requested, in which case priority will be given to resident students applying for admission to the program or school.
- b. The school requested does not offer appropriate programs or is not structured or equipped with the necessary facilities to meet special needs of the student or does not offer the particular program requested.
- c. The student does not meet the established eligibility criteria for participating in a particular program including age requirements, course prerequisites and required levels of performance.

- d. A desegregation plan is in effect for the school district, and denial is necessary in order to enable compliance with the desegregation plan.
- e. The student has been expelled from any school district in the preceding 12 months or is in the process of being expelled.
- f. The student has demonstrated behavior in another school district during the preceding 12 months that is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or of school personnel.

All requests for admission shall be made to Central Registry. If a student meets the criteria for admission, the child shall be admitted as a student. All students new to the District shall be admitted conditionally until records from school(s) previously attended by the student are received and reviewed. In the event records indicate information previously unknown, or if information has been withheld or falsified, the student's conditional enrollment may be modified or revoked. Before considering requests for admission from non-residents, priority shall be given to resident students.

Per C.R.S. 22-36-101, in providing admission to non-resident students, the school district shall not:

- 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.
- Establish and offer any particular program in a school if such program is not currently offered in such school.
- Alter or waive any established eligibility criteria for participation in a particular program, including age requirements, course prerequisites and required levels of performance.
- Enroll any non-resident student in any program or school after the pupil enrollment count day of October 1, unless approved by the superintendent or designee. Non-resident students who are enrolled after October 1 will be subject to the requirements and criteria of the District's current choice policy and process.

Except as provided elsewhere by law and Academy District 20 policy, transportation for students granted permission to attend schools outside their attendance area is not provided and must be furnished by parents/guardians. Seating of non-resident choice and open enrollment students on District buses may be considered by the transportation department if space is available and is without disruption of regular routes and loading areas. Fees may apply. (C.R.S. 22-32-113)

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Legal Refs:

C.R.S. § 22-1-102 (defines “resident”)

C.R.S. § 22-1-102.5 (defines “homeless child”)

C.R.S. § 22-1-115 (school age is any age over five and under twenty-one years)

C.R.S. § 22-2-409 (notification of risk)

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. § 22-32-115 (tuition to another school district)

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

C.R.S. § 22-32-138 (enrollment of students in out-of-home placements)

C.R.S. § 22-33-103 through 22-33-110 (school attendance law)

C.R.S. § 22-33-105(2)(c) (requiring hearing to be convened if requested within 10 days after denial of admission or expulsion)

C.R.S. §§ 22-36-101 et seq. (choice of programs and schools within school districts)

Cross Refs:

JEB, School Entrance Age Requirements

JFB, Assignment of Students

JKD/JKE, Student Suspension/Expulsion/Denial of Admission

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Attachments

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