

*NOTE: Colorado school districts are required by law to adopt a policy on this subject and the law contains some specific direction as to the content or language. This sample contains the content/language that CASB believes best meets the intent of the law. However, the district should consult with its own legal counsel to determine appropriate language that meets local circumstances and needs.*

## **Admission and Denial of Admission**

### **Admission**

All persons age six and under 21 who have not graduated from high school or received any document evidencing completion of the equivalent of a secondary curriculum, and reside within the boundaries of this school district may be permitted to attend public schools without payment of tuition.

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

Students new to the district will be enrolled conditionally until records, including discipline records, from the schools previously attended by the student are received by the district. Notice of the conditional enrollment status of new students will be clearly indicated on all new student enrollment forms. In the event the student's records indicate a reason to deny admission, the student's conditional enrollment status will be revoked. The student's parent/guardian will be provided with written notice of the denial of admission. The notice will inform the parent/guardian of the right to request a hearing.

### **Denial of admission**

The Board of Education or the superintendent may deny admission to the schools of the district in accordance with applicable law.

The Board will provide due process of law 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 will 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 will not unlawfully discriminate based on a student's disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin,

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

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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*)

CROSS REFS.: JEB, Entrance Age Requirements  
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students (and Other Disciplinary Interventions)  
JLCB, Immunization of Students

NOTE: For purposes of this policy, these terms have the following meanings:

- “Race” includes hair texture, hair type, or a protective hairstyle that is commonly or historically associated with race. C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(k).
- “Protective Hairstyle” includes such hairstyles as braids, locs, twists, tight coils or curls, cornrows, bantu knots, afros, and head wraps. *Id.*
- “Sexual Orientation” means an individual’s identity, or another individual’s perception thereof, in relation to the gender or genders to which the individual is sexually or emotionally attracted and the behavior or social affiliation that may result from the attraction. C.R.S. 2-4-401 (13.5).
- “Gender Expression” means an individual’s way of reflecting and expressing the individual’s gender to the outside world, typically demonstrated through appearance, dress, and behavior. C.R.S. 2-4-401 (3.4).
- “Gender Identity” means an individual’s innate sense of the individual’s own gender, which may or may not correspond with the individual’s sex assigned at birth. C.R.S. 2-4-401 (3.5).