

## **Admission and Denial of Admission**

### **Admission**

Prior to admission to a BOCES school, the BOCES will require a birth certificate or other proof of legal age, as well as proof of Colorado residence.

Students new to the BOCES will be enrolled conditionally until records, including discipline records, from the schools previously attended by the student are received by the BOCES. 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 executive director or designee may deny admission to the BOCES schools in accordance with applicable law.

The BOCES 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 executive director, other administrators, and BOCES 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. 22-32-110 (1)(k) (*definition of racial or ethnic background includes hair texture, definition of protective hairstyle*)

*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)*

**CROSS REFS.:** JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students  
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).*

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