(JEB) Student Enrollment and Admission

Student Enrollment

All RMSEL students residing within the geographic boundaries of the Aurora Public Schools, Cherry Creek Schools, Denver Public Schools, Douglas County Schools, and Littleton Public Schools shall be deemed enrolled in the Denver Public Schools, which shall include such students within its pupil enrollment count for purposes of the Public School Finance Act of 1994, C.R.S. § 22-54-102 et seq.

Student Admission

Students shall be selected for admission as follows:

a. Each sponsoring district shall be guaranteed up to the following number of student spaces each school year, not to exceed 400: Aurora Public Schools – 40 FTE; Cherry Creek Schools – 110 FTE; Denver Public Schools – 200 FTE; Douglas County Schools – 50 FTE; and Littleton Public Schools – 40 FTE.

b. If a sponsoring district does not fill its allocation, students from another sponsoring district shall be admitted by such date as is determined by the BOCES, upon the agreement of their sponsoring district of residence. Each student so admitted shall be counted toward the paragraph 9(a) allocation of the sponsoring district, which did not fill its allocation. No student so admitted shall be disenrolled solely to make room for a resident student of the sponsoring district whose allocation was used to admit the student.

c. If more than the allotted number of students from any given district seeks admission, a lottery or other random process for selection shall be used. Such process shall maintain each sponsoring district’s minimum enrollment entitlement and shall promote diversity in the student population.

d. Consistent with the principles of expeditionary learning, RMSEL shall seek to admit a student population that would benefit from RMSEL’s unique learning opportunities and curricular classroom structures.

e. Enrollment at RMSEL shall be determined by a lottery process, which shall be described in the Lottery Enrollment Administrative Procedure, as amended by the BOCES Board from time to time. Some applicants will be given priority in the lottery process as also explained in the Lottery Enrollment Administrative Procedure. RMSEL will admit students based on a lottery for each grade. A student will be eligible for the lottery for kindergarten if s/he will be 5 years old on October 1 of the academic year in which s/he will enroll at RMSEL. A student will be eligible for the lottery for a grade other than kindergarten based on the next
grade level up from her/his grade level at her/his then current school in the academic year immediately preceding the year s/he will enroll at RMSEL, assuming the student is not retained by his/her current school. For example, a 9th grader who participates in the lottery in the winter/spring of an academic year will participate in the lottery for 10th grade for the next academic year. The only conditions that RMSEL may impose for participation the lottery shall be proof of residency in the school district from which the student enters the lottery. Priority in the enrollment lottery is defined in the Lottery Policy.

f. Consistent with § 22-36-101, C.R.S., admission to RMSEL may be denied if:

i. There is a lack of space or teaching staff within RMSEL or any grade level;

ii. RMSEL does not offer appropriate programs (this is limited to students who need a specialized program pursuant to an IEP, see section 20, below), is not structured or equipped with the necessary facilities to meet special needs of a student, or does not offer a particular program requested.

iii. A student does not meet established eligibility criteria for participation, including age requirements, course prerequisites, and required levels of performance, as further defined in RMSEL’s Eligibility Criteria Policy as established by the BOCES Board from time to time; subject to the lottery enrollment provision in section 9 (e).

iv. A student has been expelled, or is in the process of being expelled, for the reasons specified in C.R.S. § 22-33-106(1)(c.5) or (1)(d); or

v. Grounds exist for the denial of enrollment pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-33-106(2)(a) or (b) (see section 20 below), and C.R.S. § 22-33-106(3)(a), (b), (c), or (f). Subsection (f) (is limited to conduct which would be grounds for an expulsion at RMSEL and the student must be afforded the process outlined JKD/JKE Suspension/ Expulsion of Students prior to being denied admission.)

A legal birth certificate or other acceptable record shall be required for enrollment age certification. The executive director or designee will make exceptions to these entrance age requirements in accordance with state law pertaining to the education of military children.

Adoption Date: May 23, 2017
LEGAL REFS.:
C.R.S. 22-1-115 (school age)
C.R.S. 22-20-204 (program plan requirements regarding highly advanced gifted children)
C.R.S. 22-32-119 (kindergarten)
C.R.S. 22-36-101 (school of choice act)
C.R.S. 22-54-103 (10) (sets October 1 date for funding)
C.R.S. 22-54-103 (10.5) (defines pupil enrollment count day)
C.R.S. 24-60-3402 (Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children)
1 CCR 301-8, 2220-R-12.00 (highly advanced gifted children)

CROSS REF.:
JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students