

Enrollment & Program Caps

Per CO Choice law, enrollment request may be denied if:

- a. The student has been expelled from any school district during the preceding 12 months.
- b. 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 including but not limited to behavior that has resulted in an out-of-school suspension.
- c. The student has graduated for the 12th grade of any school or is in a receipt of a document evidencing completion of the equivalent of a secondary curriculum.
- d. There is a lack of space or teaching staff within a particular program or school requested. Lack of space is defined when each class reaches the following number of students (2 classes per grade):
 - PK: 10
 - K: 16
 - 1st: 18
 - 2nd: 20
 - 3rd-5th: 22
 - 6th-12th: 24
 - 15 per each mild/moderate licensed special education teacher
 - 12 per each concurrent enrollment (college) course
 - 8 students per coach on the shooting team
 - 15 students/grade (jr. or sr.) in the PPSC Career Start program
 - 20 students/1 adult senior staff Civil Air Patrol
- e. The school requested does not offer appropriate programs for the student, is not structure or equipped with the necessary facilities to meet the student's special needs or does not offer a particular program requested. Merit Academy is a part of the Ute Pass BOCES network and works with our BOCES team to determine which network school or program provide FAPE for students, based on the needs defined in their IEP's.
- f. The students does not meet the established eligibility criteria for participation in a particular program including age requirements, course prerequisites and required levels of performance.