



Colorado Military Academy

COLORADO MILITARY ACADEMY

2026–2027 ENROLLMENT TIMELINE

(Adopted by the Board of Directors – 11/18/2025)

This Enrollment Timeline has been developed in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S. 22-36-101 et seq.), the Colorado Department of Education, District 11 Open Enrollment Policy (JCA/JFB), and the Colorado Military Academy Enrollment Policy (JFBA-JFBB, Revised November 18, 2025). It establishes transparent and equitable enrollment procedures for all PK–12 students, defines open enrollment and lottery windows, and outlines the Universal Preschool (UPK) process administered by the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC).

I. Universal Preschool (UPK) Enrollment — Pre-Kindergarten (4-Year-Olds Only)

Enrollment for preschool students is managed through the Colorado Universal Preschool (UPK) system administered by the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC). Families must apply through the state portal at UPK.Colorado.gov.

Date	Activity	Description
December 9, 2025	Family Registration Opens	UPK Colorado portal opens for family applications. The pre-registration window begins for Continuity of Care, siblings, and children of CMA staff.
February 2, 2026	Pre-Registration Window Closes	Families must submit UPK applications by this date for inclusion in the first matching round.
February 16, 2026	First Matching Round	CDEC conducts the first statewide family-to-provider matching round.
March 16, 2026	Second Matching Round	CDEC conducts the second matching round.
April 1, 2026 – End of School Year	Direct Enrollment Period Begins	Families may enroll directly with CMA for any remaining preschool seats. IEP placements continue through the Administrative Unit.

Note: After completing the UPK application and being officially matched with Colorado Military Academy, parents/guardians are required to complete the CMA Registration Process as outlined in the Enrollment Policy (JFBA-JFBB) and Enrollment Timeline. This step finalizes the child's enrollment and secures their placement at CMA.

II. Returning Student Enrollment (Grades K–12)

Date	Activity	Description
January 6 – January 23, 2026	Intent to Return (ITR) Window	Returning families must complete the Intent to Return Form to confirm re-enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year. Failure to submit by January 23 will result in forfeiture of the student’s seat, in accordance with CMA Policy JFBA-JFBB.

III. Choice Enrollment — New Students (Grades K–12)

Date	Activity	Description
February 2, 2026	Choice Enrollment Opens	Open to all Colorado residents. Applications are submitted through CMA’s Pre-Registration Form. Both in-district and out-of-district applicants participate in the same All-Choice process.
March 2, 2026	Enrollment Lottery	CMA conducts its public random lottery for oversubscribed grade levels. Priority is applied per CMA policy: (1) children of staff (not to exceed 10%), (2) siblings of current students, (3) siblings of newly accepted students, and (4) all others.
March 3 – March 6, 2026	Lottery Notifications	Families are notified of enrollment offers or waitlist status in their preferred language and communication method.
March 9 – March 13, 2026	Lottery Acceptance Window	Families must accept their enrollment offers within five (5) business days of notification. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the offered seat.
October 1, 2026	Choice Enrollment Closes	Final date for new K–12 applications and waitlist movement for the 2026–2027 school year, aligned with the state’s October Count. After this date, only out-of-state transfers may be considered for enrollment.

IV. Compliance and Legal References

- Colorado Revised Statutes:
 - C.R.S. 22-36-101 (Open Enrollment)
 - C.R.S. 22-33-106 (Denial of Admission)
 - C.R.S. 22-30.5-507 (Charter Enrollment Requirements)
- District 11 Policy:
 - JCA/JFB — Open Enrollment/Choice Enrollment
- CMA Policy:
 - JFBA-JFBB — Enrollment Policy (Revised 11/18/2025)
- Colorado Department of Early Childhood:
 - UPK Family Timeline 2026–2027