

COLORADO MEDIA SCHOOL

RELOCATION GUIDE



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Greetings! Thank you for considering The Colorado Media School (CMS) as you pursue a career in broadcasting! This guide has been developed to answer basic questions about your transition to the welcoming community of metro Denver. This is the first step in equipping you with information to make the transition seamless. If there is something in this guide that has not been addressed, please do not hesitate to call and ask. It is likely that someone else has had a similar question or situation.

Making changes in your life can be an exciting, adventurous and sometimes difficult proposition. We strive to make this change as positive as we can!

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT NOTICE—PLEASE READ BEFORE PROCEEDING

The intent of the following information is to assist CMS students and their families in relocating to the Denver area. It is not to be construed as a recommendation of any particular business, service provider or property owner. Please be discerning when entering websites listed/linked in this document, as CMS does not endorse or monitor the sites or their content. Much of the information in this Guide was obtained from former students and we work hard to make sure the information is accurate. If a website link or phone number is not working, please share it with us so that we may update it. For any additional questions, please contact CMS.

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Housing Information

Finding Your Home Away From Home

The CMS does not offer housing for its students. The school is located on the west side of Denver in Lakewood, CO. The zip code is 80226. We recommend doing your apartment/home search by zip code so that you find a place in close proximity to the school. Searching for a place to live from a distance can be a daunting task, which is why it is best to do some research before visiting Denver. The search aids below may be helpful to you. Choose a number of properties with your criteria so that you can visit them and determine which will be the best fit. Be sure to mention to the landlord/property manager that you are enrolling in an 11 ½ month program and may need a pro-rated leasing option, should you wish to stay for a month after your graduation. If you are interested in staying with a host family, please call our office at (303) 233-4484.

Housing Search Aids

<u>www.rent.com</u>	If you choose a property from this site, look to see if it features a \$100 Visa Reward Card for a signed lease. Offer must be validated by signed lease agreement
<u>www.apartments.com</u>	Choose to search Denver/Lakewood/Littleton
<u>www.apartmentguide.com</u>	This is a national search database—be sure to use zip codes to refine the search: 80226
<u>www.Denverapartments.com</u>	Denver specific search engine

Storage Facilities

After moving to Denver, some CMS students have needed temporary storage space. Below is a listing of storage facilities that are located a short distance from campus.

Student Movers	303-296-0600	<u>www.studentmovers.com</u>
Father & Son Moving & Storage	1-877-248-3670	<u>www.fandsmoving.com</u>
All My Sons Moving & Storage	866-726-1579	<u>www.allmysons.com/denver</u>

Moving Companies

When choosing a moving company, it is wise to receive written estimates from at least three companies. Have them include the conditions of the estimate in case the final cost exceeds the estimate. If you need to hire a moving crew, please inquire about references at the Admissions Office.

Mayflower Transit	800-241-1321	www.mayflower.com
Budget Truck Rentals	800-527-0700	www.budget.com
Allied International	800-823-0755	www.alliedvan.com
U-Haul	800-468-4285	www.uhaul.com

Utilities

For your convenience, we have compiled a list of utility companies that are contacted by renters/buyers. Feedback about your experience with companies is valuable to other students. Please share any input with the Admissions Office.

Denver/Lakewood Area Utility Providers		
<i>Gas, Water and Electric:</i>		
Source Gas	www.sourcegas.com/	(800) 563-0012
Bear Creek Water	www.bearcreekwater.org/	(303) 986-3442
Xcel Energy	www.xcelenergy.com/	(800) 895-4999
<i>Telephone:</i>		
Century Link	www.centurylink.com/	(800) 366-8201

Driver's License

Your international driver's license can be used for driving in Colorado while you are a non-resident student. It is a good idea to get acquainted with traffic rules and road signs that are specific to the U.S. prior to getting behind the wheel.

Purchasing a Vehicle

The cost of a vehicle, as in any country, depends on the make, model and year of the car. Used cars are generally less expensive than new cars, but more money may be paid in maintenance costs over the driving period. Insurance costs vary according to a driver's gender, age, driving experience, and type of vehicle that is being insured. Discounts can be obtained through most insurance agencies for students who have good grades (good student discount).

Mandatory Automobile Insurance

Liability vehicle insurance is the minimum insurance requirement in the state of Colorado and must be obtained upon purchasing a vehicle.

Employment

Students on an M-1 Visa are not permitted to receive compensation for work. As part of Ohio Center for Broadcasting's curriculum you will be provided with an opportunity for a non-paid internship.

Childcare and Schools

Childcare Providers and Schools		
Childcare Providers		
A Child's View Preschool	www.achildsviewpreschool.com/	(303) 989-3961
YMCA of Metropolitan Denver	www.denverymca.org/	(303) 761-7530 Bottom of Form
Thomas Learning Centers	www.thomaslearningcenters.com/	(303) 237-0917
Public Schools (K - 12)		
Jeffco Public Schools	www.jeffcopublicschools.org/	(303) 982-6500

Public Transportation

For bus and light rail schedules and fares, please visit www.rtd-denver.com.

Experiencing Denver

www.maps.google.com

This website can provide detailed driving directions and interactive maps for maneuvering in Denver.

www.denver.org

This website is excellent for both visitors and locals and provides information on how to get around, where to dine, event calendars, tourist attractions and the weather.