



LAKE-AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT ZONE 2017-18



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Greetings DPS family! Planning for your student's middle school years is an exciting time, and this guide is designed to assist you as you weigh your options for next year and beyond.

DPS believes all students should have the same access to quality schools, regardless of their background or where they live in Denver. You may select any school in the district when completing the SchoolChoice form.

However, as a resident of the Lake-Area Middle School Enrollment Zone, your child is guaranteed a place at one of the following schools for the 2017-18 school year:

- > **LAKE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (6 to 8)**
- > **STRIVE PREP – LAKE (6 to 8)**

If you have any questions during the SchoolChoice process, please contact Choice and Enrollment Services:

CENTRAL ENROLLMENT CENTER

3131 Eliot St. Denver, CO 80211

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WEB: schoolchoice.dpsk12.org

EMAIL: schoolchoice@dpsk12.org

There are many factors to consider as you research school options, including academic programs, extracurricular activities, transportation and school culture. Regardless of the path you choose, Denver Public Schools is committed to serving as your partner in this important journey.

Look inside for overviews of the schools in the Lake-Area Middle School Enrollment Zone, as well as other information to help you make your decision for next year.

To be considered in the first round of the DPS SchoolChoice process, your completed SchoolChoice form must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017. Notification of 2017-18 school year assignment and/or waitlist information will be delivered to families no later than mid-March 2017.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What options does my student have for next year (2017-18)?

Students living within the Lake-Area Middle School Enrollment Zone are guaranteed a spot at one of the following schools: Lake International School and STRIVE Prep – Lake.

Families who reside in the Lake-Area Middle School Enrollment Zone should complete and submit a DPS SchoolChoice form anytime between Jan. 5, 2017 and 4 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2017. On this form, you may rate your top five preferences within the Lake-Area Enrollment Zone and any DPS school, including those in other regions. Based on the school preferences you indicate on this form, your child will be awarded a seat at his or her highest-preference school with space availability.

How do I submit the SchoolChoice form?

Families are encouraged to submit the SchoolChoice form online through a DPS Parent Portal account. Submitting online will save families time and they will find out their school assignment sooner. To create a Parent Portal account or for more information, visit myportal.dpsk12.org.

If you are unable to apply online, paper forms will be available at all DPS schools and can also be downloaded at schoolchoice.dpsk12.org. Your completed SchoolChoice form must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2017. The paper form can be returned to any DPS school or DPS Enrollment Center. When submitted, please be sure to get a date-stamped copy of your form.

When will I be notified of my child's school enrollment for the 2017-18 school year?

Notification of 2017-18 school year assignment and/or waitlist information will be delivered to families no later than mid-March 2017.

What if my child does not get his or her first-preference school?

If your child is enrolled at a school other than the one you have indicated as your first-preference school, his or her name will be placed on a waitlist for that school, as well as any others ranked higher than the school assigned. When and if space becomes available, the school will contact you to see if you would like to accept a seat in their program.

What if I do not submit a SchoolChoice form for my student?

Any Lake-area incoming sixth-grader who does not submit a form – paper or online – by 4 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2017 will remain unassigned until the Office of Choice and Enrollment Services is able to connect with the student's family.



TRANSPORTATION

WEB: transportation.dpsk12.org

PHONE: 720-423-4600

Transportation Services' mission is to provide safe, efficient and effective service that is valued and useful to our customers. We will exceed the expectations in order to provide education access to our students, fostering an environment where Every Child Succeeds. Safety is our No. 1 priority. Our service offerings reflect the district's priorities, and are designed to meet the needs of DPS' unique school models and programs in an equitable manner.

Transportation will be provided in accordance to District Policy EEAA. Students who reside and attend school in the Lake-Area Enrollment Zone, and live more than 2.5 miles from their school, will receive transportation through our Standard Bus Route service to the following schools:

- › Lake International School
- › STRIVE Prep – Lake

[Transportation.dpsk12.org](https://transportation.dpsk12.org)

The Transportation Services website is the go-to source for the most up-to-date information. Families and students can find information on services offered by school, routing information, Bus Bulletin, +Pass, who to contact and more.

BUS BULLETIN

Bus Bulletin is our web-based notification program for families of transportation-eligible students.

+PASS

The +Pass is a card that the student scans when entering or exiting the school bus.

EXCEPTION REQUEST PROCESS

Students who are not eligible for transportation may apply for a transportation exception by completing the online form via the Parent Portal.

The complete transportation system, including pick-up and drop-off times and locations are designed based upon the following considerations:

- › Supporting families in attending their school of choice
- › School bell times
- › Pick-ups at each middle school and the number of students traveling to each destination school.
- › Special education students' pick-up and drop-off needs
- › Traffic patterns
- › Consistency with districtwide transportation policies

Bus stop information will be available to families via the Parent Portal and the school office beginning in late summer. Details will also be sent to families via the transportation yearly mailer that is sent to families in late July/early August.



SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

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Denver Public Schools uses the School Performance Framework (SPF), which is considered a report card for individual schools. This tool helps provide valuable information to schools and parents on areas where a school is strong and where it needs improvement.

How are schools rated?

The SPF uses a color-coded system to show at a glance how a school is performing, both overall and in student academic growth.

OVERALL RATING

- DISTINGUISHED:** 80 to 100%
- MEETS EXPECTATIONS:** 51 to 79%
- ACCREDITED ON WATCH:** 40 to 50%
- ACCREDITED ON PRIORITY WATCH:** 34 to 39%
- ACCREDITED ON PROBATION:** 0 to 33%

GROWTH RATING

- EXCEEDS:** 80 TO 100%
- MEETS:** 51 TO 79%
- APPROACHING:** 34 TO 50%
- DOES NOT MEET:** 0 TO 33%

What does SPF measure?

When considering how a school is serving its students, DPS looks at six different areas: student achievement (status), student progress over time (growth), parent and student engagement and satisfaction, equity, postsecondary readiness (status), and postsecondary readiness (growth).

2016 SPF RATINGS

SPF ratings for each school are depicted in this packet using the graphic shown below. The top portion of the graphic refers to a school's "Overall" rating; the bottom portion refers to "Student Academic Growth." Please keep in mind that SPF is just one factor in deciding which school is best for your student.



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GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT:
332



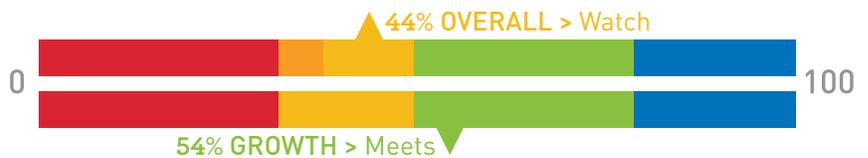
LAKE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

As an authorized International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme, Lake International School prepares students for success in the global community by helping them make connections between their studies and the real world. Students and teachers work together to develop strong character traits, interpersonal skills, community outreach activities and action projects that connect them with the world beyond their neighborhoods. The curriculum provided to all students includes Spanish, social studies, science, mathematics, visual arts, physical education and technology.

PROGRAMS:

PE • Art • Action Project • Chess Club • Colorado Uplift • Technology • Computer Game Development • Mi Casa Neighborhood Center • Heritage Spanish • Beginning Spanish • Honors Courses • Tutoring • International Baccalaureate • DPS CareerConnect Program: Project Lead the Way Computer Science (Middle School) • School-Based Health Center • MI and MI-Aut Center-Based Programs

2016 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:



SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



Standard



Uniform: school-issued navy blue/gold polo; jean or khaki bottom



Afterschool programming



English Language Acquisition services



Breakfast served daily



Student schedule*:
7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**Subject to change*



Lunch served daily

PRINCIPAL: Susan Morris

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Charter School

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 365



STRIVE PREP – LAKE

STRIVE Prep – Lake and our dedicated teachers and leaders are excited to share who we are within the network of STRIVE Preparatory Schools. Every day, our schools open the doors to prepare students for academic success from kindergarten through college, with an excellent public education of high standards, structure and accountability. Our vision is to make a college-preparatory education for all students in our community the norm, not the exception. We opened in Northwest Denver believing that all students deserve access to a free, high-quality college-preparatory education. We meet scholars right where they are, challenging, encouraging and supporting them with tools and resources to push them beyond the limits of their previous achievements.

PROGRAMS:

PE • Art • Student Council • Peer Mentoring • Annual College Visits • Annual Eighth Grade Experiential Learning Trip • Extended School Year • Extended School Day • Extra Class Time in Reading, Writing and Math • Tutoring • School-Based Health Center • AN Center-Based Program • College Prep

2016 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:



SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



Standard



Uniform: school-issued polo; khaki or jean bottom



Afterschool programming



English Language Acquisition services



Breakfast served daily



Student schedule*:
M-Th 8 a.m. to 4:05 p.m.,
F 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Lunch served daily

**Subject to change*