Greetings, Denver Public Schools family! DPS believes all families should have equitable access to schools they feel are best for their students, regardless of where they live in Denver. As a resident of the Gateway Elementary School Enrollment Zone, your child is guaranteed a place at one of the following schools for the 2020-21 school year:

› **KIPP NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY** (ECE TO 4)
› **KIPP NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL** (5)
› **LENA ARCHULETA** (1 to 5; ECE and Kinder is offered at Escalante-Biggs Academy. See the profile section for more information.)
› **SOAR ELEMENTARY** (K TO 5)

Even though you reside in this enrollment zone and have guaranteed access to one of these four schools, you may select any school in the district when completing the SchoolChoice application.

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, DPS is committed to serving as your partner in this important journey.

Look inside for overviews of all the schools in the Gateway Elementary School Enrollment Zone, as well as other information to help you make your decision for next year.

To apply to your preferred schools during Round 1 of SchoolChoice, your completed SchoolChoice application must be submitted between 8:30 a.m. Jan. 15 and 4 p.m. Feb. 18, 2020. Notification of your student’s 2020-21 school year assignment and/or waitlist information will be sent in late March 2020.
What are my student’s options for the 2020-21 school year?

Students living within the Gateway Elementary School Enrollment Zone are guaranteed a spot at one of the following schools: KIPP Northeast Elementary; KIPP Northeast Middle School (fifth grade); Lena Archuleta (ECE-kinder at Escalante-Biggs); and SOAR Elementary.

If you reside in the Gateway Elementary School Enrollment Zone, you should complete and submit your student’s SchoolChoice application anytime between 8:30 a.m. Jan. 15 and 4 p.m. Feb. 18, 2020. You will be asked to rank your top school preferences within the Gateway Elementary School Enrollment Zone and/or any DPS school, including those in other regions. We recommend listing multiple preferences, up to a limit of 12. Based on the school preferences you indicate, your student will be awarded a seat at his or her highest-preference school with available space.

How do I submit the SchoolChoice application?

The application will be available at schoolchoice.dpsk12.org. We recommend using your Parent Portal username and password to sign in. You can submit your application anytime between 8:30 a.m. Jan. 15 and 4 p.m. Feb. 18, 2020. There is no advantage to submitting your application earlier in the window.

When will I be notified of my student’s school enrollment for the 2020-21 school year?

Notification of your school assignment and/or waitlist information for the 2020-21 school year will be sent in late March 2020.

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

If your student is assigned to a school other than your first-choice school, his or her name will be placed on a waitlist for that school, as well as any others ranked higher than the assigned school. When and if space becomes available, the school will contact you to see if you would like to accept a seat in their program. Please note: waitlists are dynamic, meaning your waitlist positions can move up or down based on the actions and priorities of all other applicants.

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

Any student who does not submit an application by the Feb. 18 deadline will remain unassigned and will have an opportunity to participate in Round 2.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!
If you have any questions about SchoolChoice, please call the SchoolChoice Hotline at 720-423-3493, email schoolchoice@dpsk12.org, or visit schoolchoice.dpsk12.org.
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 students and families. We strive to provide greater access to education for our students and foster an environment where Every Child Succeeds. Safety is our No. 1 priority. Our service offerings reflect DPS’ priorities, and are designed to meet the needs of our 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 Far Northeast Enrollment Zone will receive transportation through the Success Express Far Northeast shuttle for the following schools:

› KIPP Northeast Elementary
› Lena Archuleta
› SOAR Elementary
› Escalante-Biggs Academy

Success Express is the shuttle system that allows students to access greater school opportunities within the Far Northeast region. Success Express makes stops at all Far Northeast Schools and has several community-based stops to support easy access to transportation. All Far Northeast students can board the bus at ANY stop that is servicing their school.

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

› Supporting families in attending their school of choice
› School bell times
› Pick-ups at designated schools servicing your school of choice
› Special education students’ pick-up and drop-off needs
› Traffic patterns and travel time
› Consistency with districtwide transportation policies

Shuttle information (line color, number and time) will be available online at transportation.dpsk12.org in late summer. Details will also be sent to families in the transportation yearly mailer that is sent to families in late July/early August. Families should ensure they have updated contact information on file with their school’s front office as well as in Infinite Campus.

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 through the Parent Portal.
ACADEMIC GAPS

Ensuring our schools are serving all students well is an important area of focus on the SPF.

We are especially concerned about closing opportunity gaps for our students who have been historically underserved in our nation’s public schools, including students of color, students in poverty, English language learners and students with disabilities. That’s why each school will receive an Academic Gaps rating that directly affects their overall SPF rating.

Schools are only eligible to receive our highest ratings of Distinguished (blue) or Meets Expectations (green) if it earns a blue or green rating on Academic Gaps.

WEB: spf.dpsk12.org
EMAIL: spf@dpsk12.org

Knowing how well schools are serving students and families is a key part of how we will reach our Denver Plan 2020 goal of Great Schools in Every Neighborhood. The School Performance Framework, or SPF, measures many important aspects of what we know makes a great school, such as:

› Student and parent satisfaction
› Improved scores on state tests from year to year
› How well the school serves and challenges all of its students

The SPF is like a report card for schools that lets us know where a school is making progress and where we need to focus on improving. Please keep in mind that SPF is just one factor in deciding which school is best for your student.

Our school report card puts special emphasis on student academic growth, or how much progress students have made from one year to the next. In DPS, we believe what is most important is not where kids start, but how much they grow.

How are schools rated?

We use a color-coded rating scale to show at-a-glance how schools are performing, ranging from our highest rating, Distinguished (blue), to our lowest rating, Accredited on Probation (red). In DPS, we have high expectations for all of our schools, to make sure our students are prepared for college, career and life when they graduate from DPS.

2019 SPF RATINGS

SPF ratings for each school are depicted in this guide using the graphic shown below. The top bar of the graphic refers to a school’s overall rating; the bottom bar refers to student academic growth.
KIPP NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY

KIPP Northeast Elementary supports students on their path to opportunity and success. We are part of the KIPP Colorado network of schools educating students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. KIPP educators partner with students and families to provide rigorous academics, character growth, and extracurricular activities so that students can define their own future and develop a lifelong love of learning.

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4635 Walden St.
Charter School

GRADES SERVED: ECE to 4
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 470

PROGRAMS:
ECE-4 English • Kindergarten English • Community Resources • Personalized Learning • PE • Spanish • Technology • Music • Spanish for Heritage Speakers • Visual Arts • STEM • Academic Club or Competition

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:

OVERALL > Accredited on Priority Watch

GROWTH > Does Not Meet Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

Success Express
Lunch served daily

Before-School Programming
Uniform: Blue polo and hoodie; gray logo cardigan; khaki or black pants

Afterschool Programming
Transitional Native Language Instruction

Breakfast served daily
Student schedule*: 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. (1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays)
*Subject to change
KIPP NORTHEAST DENVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

KIPP Northeast Denver Middle School supports students on their path to opportunity and success. KIPP educators partner with students and families to provide rigorous academics, character growth and extracurricular activities so that students can define their own future and discover themselves. KIPP Northeast is a community of students, parents, and educators who work together to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills, and character strengths needed to succeed.

PROGRAMS:
Community Resources  •  STEM  •  Visual Arts  •  Academic Club or Competition  •  Arts or Music Club  •  Yearbook or Newspaper  •  Social Clubs  •  Student Leadership  •  Denver Health School-Based Health Center

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:
OVERALL > Accredited on Watch

GROWTH > Meets Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

Success Express

Uniform: School polo or sweatshirt; khaki or black pants or skirt

Afterschool Programming

English as a Second Language

Breakfast served daily

Student schedule*: 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays)

*Literally subject to change

Lunch served daily
LENA ARCHULETA

At Archuleta Elementary, we are a community committed to success for all through hard work, love and inspiration. Our staff cultivates each student’s unique skills and talents, knowing that all of our students have brilliant minds. Archuleta emphasizes college and career readiness through innovative programs such as OWL and AVID. Contact Escalante-Biggs for ECE and kindergarten. Contact Escalante-Biggs for ECE-kindergarten.

PROGRAMS:
Tutoring • Arts Focus • AVID • Fine Arts • Highly Gifted and Talented • PE • Choir • Music • STEM • Affective Needs Center-Based Program

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:
OVERALL > Meets Expectations
GROWTH > Meets Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

Success Express

Uniform: Polo tops in navy blue, light blue, white or burgundy; dress pants in khaki, navy blue or black

Afterschool Programming

English as a Second Language, Transitional Native Language Instruction

Breakfast served daily

Student schedule*: 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

*Subject to change

Lunch served daily
SOAR

SOAR is a public elementary charter school committed to providing exceptional educational opportunities to students in Far Northeast Denver. SOAR offers an innovative, holistic approach to education that includes rigorous academic instruction in conjunction with an active classroom. Our model challenges students to think critically and take active roles in their classrooms and communities.

PROGRAMS:
Kindergarten English • Community Resources • Fine Arts • Music • PE • STEM • Drama • Expeditionary Learning • Academic Club or Competition • Arts or Music Club • Social Clubs • Student Leadership • Denver Health School-Based Health Center

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:

OVERALL > Meets Expectations

GROWTH > Meets Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

Success Express

Lunch served daily

Before-School Programming

Uniform: School shirt

Afterschool Programming

Transitional Native Language Instruction

Breakfast served daily

Student schedule*: 8:40 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

*Subject to change
ESCALANTE-BIGGS ACADEMY

Escalante-Biggs Academy is a DPS school designed to provide preschool and kindergarten students with the strongest possible foundation for academic success. Our principal, teachers and staff are experts in Early Childhood Education, and they are dedicated to helping every child acquire the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in elementary school and beyond. Escalante-Biggs Academy offers ECE through kindergarten for our affiliated schools.

Students who attend kindergarten at Escalante-Biggs will automatically flow directly into Lena Archuleta for first grade.

PROGRAMS:

- ECE-3 English and Spanish
- ECE-4 English and Spanish
- Kindergarten English and Spanish
- PE
- Early Childhood Education Model 1 Center-Based Program

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:

OVERALL > Meets Expectations

GROWTH > Meets Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

- Success Express
- Uniform: Light blue, black or white polo
- Breakfast served daily
- Transitional Native Language Instruction
- Lunch served daily
- Student schedule*: Full day 8:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.; half day 8:30-11:10 a.m. or 12:15-3:10 p.m.

*Subject to change