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 Greater Five Points Elementary School Enrollment Zone, your child is guaranteed a place at one of the following schools for the 2020-21 school year:

› **COLE ARTS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY (ECE TO 5)**
› **UNIVERSITY PREP – ARAPAHOE (K TO 5)**
› **WHITTIER (ECE TO 8)**
› **WYATT ACADEMY (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 Greater Five Points 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 Greater Five Points Elementary School Enrollment Zone are guaranteed a spot at one of the following schools: Cole Arts and Science Academy; University Prep – Arapahoe; Whittier; and Wyatt Academy.

If you reside in the Greater Five Points 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 Greater Five Points 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.
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.

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 Near Northeast Enrollment Zone will receive transportation through the Success Express Near Northeast shuttle for the following schools:
› Cole Arts and Science Academy
› University Prep - Arapahoe
› Whittier
› Wyatt Academy

Success Express is the shuttle system that allows students to access greater school opportunities within the Near Northeast region. Success Express makes stops at all Near Northeast Schools and has several community-based stops to support easy access to transportation. All Near 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 are 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.
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.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

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.
COLE ARTS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY

The talented teachers at Cole Arts and Science Academy provide an excellent arts-and-sciences-centered education with attention to student achievement, growth and high expectations. We work tirelessly for our students – and it shows. Numerous indicators prove that our strategies are effective and student achievement is increasing. Come visit us!

PROGRAMS:
ECE-3 English and Spanish • ECE-4 English and Spanish • Kindergarten English and Spanish • Tutoring • Music • PE • Technology • Visual Arts • Multi-Intensive Center-Based Program

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:
OVERALL > Accredited on Priority Watch
GROWTH > Approaching Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
Success Express
Uniform: School polo; khaki or black dress pants or skirts
Afterschool Programming
Transitional Native Language Instruction
Breakfast served daily
Student schedule*: 8:05 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
*Subject to change
Lunch served daily
UNIVERSITY PREP — ARAPAHOE STREET

University Preparatory Schools are tuition-free public charter schools and are part of Denver Public Schools. We focus on college the second a child walks through our doors. With elements of college culture incorporated into each classroom and college campus visits each year, each UPrep scholar is on the path to a four-year college degree.

PROGRAMS:

- Kindergarten English
- Fine Arts
- PE
- Cross-Categorical Program

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:

- OVERALL > Meets Expectations
- GROWTH > Meets Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

- Success Express
- Afterschool Programming
- Breakfast served daily
- Lunch served daily
- Uniform: School polo; khaki pants, shorts or skirts; U-Prep jumper; U-Prep cardigan; all-black shoes
- English as a Second Language
- Student schedule*: 7:40 a.m. to 4 p.m. (1:30 p.m. on Fridays)  
*Subject to change
WHITTIER
Whittier was founded in 1883 and has a long history of providing a quality education for the children of northeast Denver. Whittier provides an innovative and rigorous instructional program that explicitly targets state standards and implements best practices based on research. The goal at Whittier is to prepare students for the academic rigor necessary for future employment opportunities requiring a college education.

PROGRAMS:
- ECE-4 English
- Kindergarten English
- Tutoring
- Music
- PE
- Technology
- Arts or Music Club
- Community Service
- Yearbook or Newspaper

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:
OVERALL > Accredited on Watch
GROWTH > Meets Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
- Success Express
- Uniform: Navy, white or heather-gray polo; khaki or navy pants
- Breakfast served daily
- English as a Second Language
- Lunch served daily
- Student schedule*: 8:10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
*Subject to change
Wyatt Academy is a K-5 community school where students thrive socially, emotionally and academically. We are committed to educating the whole child by developing advanced literary, mathematics and social skills, as well as offering an enriching specials program. All students receive visual arts, music, science and physical education. We ensure that our daily practices are aligned with the needs of our community.

**Programs:**
Kindergarten English and Spanish • Tutoring • Community Resources • PE • Technology • Visual Arts • Music • Band • Academic Club or Competition • Arts or Music Club • Social Clubs • Student Leadership

**2019 School Performance Framework Ratings:**
OVERALL > Meets Expectations
GROWTH > Meets Expectations

**School Offerings:**
- Success Express
- Afterschool Programming
- Breakfast served daily
- Lunch served daily
- Uniform: School polo, sweatshirt or long-sleeve; blue or khaki shorts, pants or skirts
- English as a Second Language
- Student schedule*: 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
  *Subject to change