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 Lake-Area Middle School Enrollment Zone, your child is guaranteed a place at one of the following schools for the 2020-21 school year:

› LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL (6 to 8)
› STRIVE PREP – LAKE (6 to 8)

Even though you reside in this enrollment zone and have guaranteed access to one of these two 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 Lake-Area Middle 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.

Visit www.dpsk12.org/expo for the full expo schedule.
What are my student’s options for the 2020-21 school year?

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

If you reside in the Lake-Area Middle 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 Lake-Area Middle 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 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.

Students who live more than 2.5 miles from their boundary school are eligible to receive transportation via Standard Bus Routes. If a student choices out of their boundary school, they are no longer eligible for transportation.

Transportation is not guaranteed, so always consult our department for student eligibility if you are not sure.

Bus stop information will be available to families through the Parent Portal and the school office beginning 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.
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.

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.
LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Lake Middle School is a comprehensive, traditional middle school located in a historic building on the east edge of Sloan’s Lake in northwest Denver. Lake offers rigorous academics, instruction led by an outstanding faculty, and a small, caring, family school culture with high accountability. Lake has a new STEM lab and is a 1:1 MyTech school, with every student receiving their own Chromebook.

PRINCIPAL: Amanda Stewart
720-424-0260
lake.dpsk12.org
1820 Lowell Blvd.
GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 330

PROGRAMS:
Academic Club or Competition • Arts or Music Club • PE •
Spanish • Technology • Visual Arts • Choir • Music • STEM •
Band • Career and Technical Education • Yearbook or
Newspaper • Social Clubs • Student Leadership • Multi-
Intensive Autistic, Multi-Intensive Center-Based Programs •
Denver Health School-Based Health Center

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:
OVERALL > Accredited on Probation
GROWTH > Does Not Meet Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
Standard Bus Routes • No uniform required
No uniform required
Afterschool Programming • English as a
Second Language
Breakfast served daily • Student schedule*: 7:35 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Lunch served daily

*Subject to change
STRIVE PREP – LAKE

STRIVE Prep is where every student is learning to change the world. We inspire our students to think critically, communicate clearly and collaborate openly. By balancing ambitious learning with celebration and joy, we fuel a sense of curiosity, creativity and possibility in every child. At STRIVE Prep, your child can explore opportunities to develop the confidence and lifelong skills necessary for success in college and beyond.

PRINCIPAL: Tim Hall
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Charter School

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 300

PROGRAMS:
Community Resources • PE • Visual Arts • Yearbook or Newspaper • Social Clubs • Student Leadership • Club Based on Ethnicity or Culture • Affective Needs Center-Based Program • Denver Health School-Based Health Center

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:

OVERALL > Accredited on Watch

GROWTH > Approaching Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

- Standard Bus Routes
- Breakfast served daily
- Lunch served daily
- Uniform: School polo, tee or sweater (no hoodies or athletic pants)
- English as a Second Language
- Student schedule*: 7:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. on Fridays)
  *Subject to change
LAKE-AREA ZONE MAP

Lake Middle School
STRIVE PREP - Lake