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. You should know that as a resident of the Northwest Middle School Enrollment Zone, your child is guaranteed a place at one of the following schools for the 2020-21 school year:

› **BRYANT WEBSTER DUAL LANGUAGE ECE-8 SCHOOL** (ECE to 8; requires additional qualification steps, contact school for details)

› **DENVER MONTESSORI JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL** (7 to 12)

› **SKINNER MIDDLE SCHOOL** (6 to 8)

› **STRIVE PREP – SUNNYSIDE** (6 to 8)

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 Northwest 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.

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

**SOUTHWEST ENROLLMENT CENTER**
1300 S. Lowell Blvd., Door 10
Denver, CO 80219
**PHONE:** 720-423-3493
**WEB:** schoolchoice.dpsk12.org
**EMAIL:** schoolchoice@dpsk12.org

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**SCHOOL EXPOS**

Learn more about SchoolChoice, the DPS enrollment process, and discover great DPS schools!

**NORTHWEST EXPO**  
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020  
6 to 8 p.m.  
North High School  
2960 Speer Blvd.

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**SOUTHWEST EXPO**  
Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020  
6 to 8 p.m.  
Abraham Lincoln High School  
2285 S. Federal Blvd.

Visit [www.dpsk12.org/expo](http://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 Northwest Middle School Enrollment Zone are guaranteed a spot at one of the following schools: Bryant Webster Dual Language ECE-8 School; Denver Montessori Junior/Senior High School; Skinner; and STRIVE Prep – Sunnyside.

If you reside in the Northwest 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 Northwest 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.

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.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.

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.
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.
BRYANT WEBSTER DUAL LANGUAGE ECE-8 SCHOOL

Bryant Webster provides a rigorous, standards-based curriculum designed to enable students to become bilingual, bi-literate and ready for college and career. We focus on educating the whole child and offer a strong, balanced academic program in a warm, nurturing environment. A language assessment may be needed for new student enrollment. Contact the school to learn more.

PRINCIPAL: Gwen Frank
720-424-9170
bryantwebster.dpsk12.org
3635 Quivas St.

GRADES SERVED: ECE to 8
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 460

PROGRAMS:
ECE-4 English and Spanish  •  ECE-3 English and Spanish  •  Kindergarten English and Spanish  •  Music  •  PE  •  Spanish  •  Technology  •  Academic Club or Competition  •  Arts or Music Club  •  Yearbook or Newspaper  •  Social Clubs  •  Student Leadership

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

Standard Bus Routes
Lunch served daily

Before-School Programming
No uniform required

Afterschool Programming
Dual Language

Breakfast served daily
Student schedule*: 7:55 a.m. to 3 p.m.
*Subject to change
DENVER MONTESSORI JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

Denver Montessori Junior High is designed to meet the needs and characteristics of younger adolescents during this crucial stage of brain development. Through the use of a carefully prepared environment and Montessori adolescent-trained teachers, we guide our students to become adaptable, independent, ingenious and creative emerging adults with excellent communication and problem-solving skills. Our high school offers a personalized and rigorous college preparatory program.

PROGRAMS:
- AP Courses
- Concurrent Enrollment
- Honors Courses
- Montessori
- Music
- PE
- Pre-Collegiate Program
- Spanish
- Arts or Music Club
- Community Service
- Yearbook or Newspaper
- Social Clubs
- Student Leadership

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
- Standard Bus Routes
- No uniform required
- Breakfast served daily
- English as a Second Language
- Lunch served daily
- Student schedule*: 8:10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
  *Subject to change
SKINNER MIDDLE SCHOOL
A traditional, comprehensive middle school, Skinner has earned a reputation as a rigorous school that prepares all students for college and career. Skinner offers an outstanding faculty; interactive classroom technology including 1:1 devices; a focus on positive student culture with high accountability; a huge variety of daily electives and competitive athletics. Skinner believes in serving all students.

PROGRAMS:
- Honors Courses
- PE
- Pre-Collegiate Program
- Service Learning
- Spanish
- Visual Arts
- Choir
- Drama
- Native American Student Support Program
- Band
- STEM
- Academic Club or Competition
- Arts or Music Club
- Community Service
- Yearbook or Newspaper
- Student Leadership
- Affective Needs Center-and Multi-Intensive Center-Based Programs

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
- Standard Bus Routes
- Uniform: Plain black, white, navy, gray top; black, blue, gray pants, jeans or khakis (no rips or holes)
- Breakfast served daily
- English as a Second Language
- Lunch served daily
- Student schedule*: 7:35 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
  *Subject to change

PRINCIPAL: Grant Varveris
720-424-1420
skinner.dpsk12.org
3435 W. 40th Ave.

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 640
STRIVE PREP – SUNNYSIDE
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 skill necessary for success in college and beyond.

PRINCIPAL: Mika Krause
720-723-2000
striveprep.org/sunnyside
4735 Pecos St.
Charter School

GRADUES SERVED: 6 to 8
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 220

PROGRAMS:
PE • Visual Arts • Academic Club or Competition • Arts or Music Club • Community Service • Student Leadership

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

Standard Bus Routes
Uniform: School polo, tee or sweater (no hoodies; college gear allowed on Fridays)

Breakfast served daily
English as a Second Language

Lunch served daily
Student schedule*: 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. (1:30 p.m. on Fridays)
*Subject to change