2020-21
STAPLETON-AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT ZONE
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 Stapleton-Area Elementary School Enrollment Zone, your child is guaranteed a place at one of the following schools for the 2020-21 school year:

› **INSPIRE ELEMENTARY (ECE TO 5)**
› **ISABELLA BIRD COMMUNITY SCHOOL (ECE TO 5)**
› **SWIGERT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (ECE TO 5)**
› **WESTERLY CREEK (ECE TO 5)**
› **WILLIAM (BILL) ROBERTS (ECE TO 8)**
› **WILLOW ELEMENTARY (ECE TO 5)**

Even though you reside in this enrollment zone and have guaranteed access to one of these six 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 Stapleton-Area 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 Stapleton-Area Elementary School Enrollment Zone are guaranteed a spot at one of the following schools: Inspire Elementary; Isabella Bird Community School; Swigert International School; Westerly Creek; William (Bill) Roberts; and Willow Elementary.

If you reside in the Stapleton-Area 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 Stapleton-Area 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 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. For students not currently receiving transportation service, transportation will be available based on the following criteria:

1. Those who are enrolled in a Stapleton Enrollment Zone school; and live outside the 1-mile walk zone for the school in which they are enrolled.
2. Those who have transportation as a related service in their special education program.
3. This is applicable to all DPS students attending the following schools within the Stapleton zone:
   - Inspire Elementary
   - Isabella Bird Community School
   - Swigert International School
   - Westerly Creek
   - William (Bill) Roberts
   - Willow Elementary

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

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.

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.
PRINCIPAL:
Dr. Marisol Enriquez
720-424-4850
inspire.dpsk12.org
5677 N. Galena St.
Innovation School
GRADES SERVED: ECE to 5
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 350

INSPIRE ELEMENTARY
Inspire Elementary prepares children to positively impact their future. We leverage children’s passions, talents and learning styles to create an education that cultivates the whole child. Inspire engages students in integrated multi-disciplinary learning that teaches them to think critically, analyze, synthesize, evaluate, create solutions and interpret findings. Inspire is a student-centered program that provides stretches of time for curiosity and exploration.

PROGRAMS:
ECE-4 English • Kindergarten English • STEM • Drama • Expeditionary Learning • Music • Personalized Learning • PE • Project-Based Learning • Spanish

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
Stapleton Enrollment Zone
Lunch served daily
Before-School Programming
No uniform required
Afterschool Programming
English as a Second Language
Breakfast served daily
Student schedule*: 7:50 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.
*Subject to change
ISABELLA BIRD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Our mission is to provide our diverse learners with a compassionate, intellectually stimulating, vigorous learning experience that ensures their wellbeing, engagement, academic and personal success and contribution as global citizens. Our heart-centered, inclusive, service-learning and environmentally sustainable school practices provide an exceptional and holistic educational experience for our students.

PRINCIPAL: Lisa Schuba
720-423-9900
isabellabird.dpsk12.org
2701 Lima St.
Innovation School

GRADES SERVED: ECE to 5
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 510

PROGRAMS:
ECE-4 English • Kindergarten English • Tutoring • Fine Arts • International Focus • Music • PE • Service Learning • Technology • Academic Club or Competition

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:

OVERALL ▶ Accredited on Watch

GROWTH ▶ Meets Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

Stapleton Enrollment Zone
Lunch served daily

Before-School Programming
No uniform required

Afterschool Programming
English as a Second Language

Breakfast served daily
Student schedule*:
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
*Subject to change
SWIGERT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Swigert International School strives to create innovative, intellectually curious students who share a sense of stewardship for creating a better and more peaceful world. Swigert will achieve this vision by developing knowledgeable, inquisitive and compassionate young people. Through highly effective instructional practices, and including the use of technology, the environment and community resources, Swigert inspires creativity, curiosity and critical thinking.

PROGRAMS:
ECE-4 English • Kindergarten English • IB • PE • Spanish • Technology • Academic Club or Competition • Arts or Music Club

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
- Stapleton Enrollment Zone
- Lunch served daily
- Before-School Programming
- No uniform required
- Afterschool Programming
- English as a Second Language
- Breakfast served daily
- Student schedule*: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
  *Subject to change
WESTERLY CREEK

Westerly Creek’s highly qualified teachers are dedicated to the intellectual and social growth of our students and to inspiring lifelong learning. Our curriculum is aligned with the Common Core State Standards and includes literacy, Everyday Math, TRACKS Science and social studies.

PROGRAMS:
ECE-4 English • Kindergarten English • Tutoring • Choir • Music • PE • Technology • STEM • Academic Club or Competition • Arts or Music Club • Multi-Intensive Autistic Center-Based Program

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
- Stapleton Enrollment Zone
- Lunch served daily
- Before-School Programming
- No uniform required
- Afterschool Programming
- English as a Second Language
- Breakfast served daily
- Student schedule*: 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
  *Subject to change

Principal: Jill Corcoran
720-424-3160
westerlycreek.dpsk12.org
8800 E. 28th Ave.

GRADES SERVED: ECE to 5
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 720
WILLIAM (BILL) ROBERTS

Bill Roberts is a creative, safe and dynamic community of learners that nurtures and educates the whole child. Our staff, in partnership with our supportive parents, provides students with challenging and innovative learning opportunities through exploring the arts, educating for character and fostering critical thinking.

PROGRAMS:

- ECE-4 English
- Kindergarten English
- Music
- PE
- Service Learning
- Spanish
- Technology
- STEM
- Drama
- Academic Club or Competition
- Arts or Music Club
- Community Service
- Yearbook or Newspaper
- Student Leadership

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:

OVERALL > Meets Expectations

GROWTH > Meets Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

- Stapleton Enrollment Zone
- Lunch served daily
- Before-School Programming
- Uniform: Light blue, navy, black, maroon or gray top; khaki, navy, gray or black bottom
- Afterschool Programming
- English as a Second Language
- Breakfast served daily
- Student schedule*:
  8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (1 p.m. on Fridays)
  *Subject to change
Willow Elementary School (formerly High Tech) is committed to a rigorous, traditional academic experience that emphasizes learning as an interactive process focusing on the individual needs of students to ensure that all students succeed. Students will be immersed in the learning process through technology-enhanced exploration, discussion and reflection.

### Programs:
- ECE-3 English
- ECE-4 English
- Kindergarten English
- Blended Learning
- Music
- Personalized Learning
- PE
- Project-Based Learning
- Spanish
- Technology
- Visual Arts
- Arts or Music Club
- Community Service
- Yearbook or Newspaper
- Student Leadership
- ECE Model 1 Center-Based Program
- Cross-Categorical Program

### 2019 School Performance Framework Ratings:
- Overall: Meets Expectations
- Growth: Meets Expectations

### School Offerings:
- Stapleton Enrollment Zone
- Lunch served daily
- Uniform: White, gray, navy blue or forest green top; navy blue, black or khaki bottom (no jeans)
- English as a Second Language
- Student schedule*: 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

*Subject to change