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

› COMPASS ACADEMY (6 to 8)
› DSST: COLLEGE VIEW (6 to 8)
› KEPNER BEACON (6 to 8)
› KIPP SUNSHINE PEAK ACADEMY (5 to 8)
› KUNSMILLER CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY (K to 12) Requires additional qualification steps, please contact school for details.
› STRIVE PREP – KEPNER (6 to 8)
› STRIVE PREP – WESTWOOD (6 to 8)
› WEST EARLY COLLEGE (6 to 12)
› WEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (6 to 12)

Even though you reside in this enrollment zone and have guaranteed access to one of these nine 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 West Denver 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.
What are my student’s options for the 2020-21 school year?

Students living within the West Denver Middle School Enrollment Zone are guaranteed a spot at one of the following schools: Compass Academy; DSST: College View; Kepner Beacon; KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy; Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy; STRIVE Prep – Kepner; STRIVE Prep – Westwood; West Early College; West Leadership Academy.

If you reside in the West Denver 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 West Denver 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.
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.

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 West Zone, and live more than 2.5 miles from their school, will receive transportation through the West Enrollment Zone to the following schools:

- DSST: College View
- Kepner Beacon
- KIPP: Sunshine Peak Academy
- STRIVE Prep – Kepner
- West Early College
- West Leadership Academy

*Please Note: Transportation-eligible students attending Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy will receive standard bus route services. For Compass Academy, transportation is provided through the Southwest Express Transportation Service.*

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
- 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.

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.

OVERALL > Meets Expectations
GROWTH > Meets Expectations
COMPASS ACADEMY
The Compass Academy model infuses a strong, values-based culture, civil engagement, additional people power and evidence-based practices to maximize student success. City Year/AmeriCorps members will work with students throughout the entire academic day, partnering with teachers to provide whole class support, as well as 1:1 and small group academic support to students.

PROGRAMS:
Choir • Honors Courses • PE • Pre-Collegiate Program • Spanish • Technology • Competency-Based Learning • Personalized Learning • Project-Based Learning • Academic Club or Competition • 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:
Southwest Express
Lunch served daily
Before-School Programming
Uniform: School top; color based on grade
Afterschool Programming
Transitional Native Language Instruction
Breakfast served daily
Student schedule*: 7:55 a.m. to 4 p.m. (1 p.m. on Mondays)
*Subject to change
DSST: COLLEGE VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

DSST: College View Middle School, a part of Denver’s distinguished DSST Public Schools network, is committed to providing a world-class education to prepare all students for success in college and life. We do this by structuring our sixth- to 12th-grade learning environment so that students learn and apply the skills, behaviors, values and mindsets that are vital to happiness and success. Our students develop a strong sense of self while learning to contribute to a caring and diverse community.

PRINCIPAL: Libby Brien
303-524-6320
dsstpublicschools.org
3111 W. Dartmouth Ave.
Charter School

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 450

PROGRAMS:
PE • STEM • Academic Club or Competition • Arts or Music Club • Community Service • Yearbook or Newspaper • Social Clubs • Student Leadership

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
West Enrollment Zone
Breakfast served daily
Lunch served daily
Uniform: Blue logo polo; gray sweatshirt; black or khaki dress pants; black or brown shoes
Transitional Native Language Instruction
Student schedule*: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (1:30 p.m. on Thursdays)
*Subject to change
KEPNER BEACON MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are committed to the achievement and growth of every student, providing a college-preparatory program that sets high expectations and requires critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. KBMS brings together our diverse community and prepares students with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary for college and career success. We focus on the “Blended Learning” model, which combines traditional face-to-face instructional methods with technology-based instruction.

PROGRAMS:

- Band
- Blended Learning
- International Focus
- Career and Technical Education
- Music
- PE
- Spanish
- Visual Arts
- STEM
- Academic Club or Competition
- Arts or Music Club
- Yearbook or Newspaper
- Social Clubs
- Student Leadership
- Multi-Intensive Center-Based Program
- Denver Health School-Based Health Center

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:

OVERALL > Meets Expectations

GROWTH > Meets Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

- Uniform: Dark blue school polo; black or khaki pants (no jeans or hoodies)
- West Enrollment Zone
- Transitional Native Language Instruction
- Breakfast served daily
- Lunch served daily
- Student schedule*: 7:35 a.m. to 3:55 p.m. (Start at 10 a.m. on Fridays)
- *Subject to change
KIPP SUNSHINE PEAK ACADEMY

KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy 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 discover themselves.

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

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
- Standard Bus Routes
- Uniform: School polo; black or khaki bottom (no hoodies)
- Breakfast served daily
- English as a Second Language
- Lunch served daily
- Student schedule*: 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. (12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays)
  *Subject to change
KUNSMILLER CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY

Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy is a magnet school designed to prepare students in kindergarten through 12th grade for creative and artistic careers while also providing a rigorous college-prep education. All students explore theater arts, 2- and 3-D visual arts, media arts, instrumental and vocal music and dance. Prospective students must attend enrollment events. Contact the school for more information.

PRINCIPAL: Peter Castillo
720-424-0200
kcaa.dpsk12.org
2250 S. Quitman Way

GRADES SERVED: K to 12
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 935

PROGRAMS:
- Kindergarten English and Spanish
- Arts Focus
- ASCENT
- Fine Arts
- Honors Courses
- PE
- Spanish
- Visual Arts
- Academic Club or Competition
- CareerConnect
- Arts or Music Club
- Yearbook or Newspaper
- Student Leadership
- Denver Health School-Based Health Center

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
- RTD Bus Pass, Standard Bus Routes
- No uniform required
- Afterschool Programming
- English as a Second Language
- Breakfast served daily
- Student schedule*: 8:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
- Lunch served daily
- *Subject to change
STRIVE Prep is where every student is learning to change the world. Every day we inspire our students to think critically, communicate clearly and collaborate openly, both in and outside of the classroom. By balancing ambitious learning with celebration and joy, we fuel a sense of curiosity, creativity and possibility. At STRIVE Prep, students can explore many opportunities to develop the confidence and skills necessary for success in college and beyond.

**PRINCIPAL:** Liz Herbert  
720-485-6394  
striveprep.org/kepner  
911 S. Hazel Court  
Charter School

**GRADES SERVED:** 6 to 8  
**ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT:** 215

**PROGRAMS:**  
Visual Arts • Language Immersion • Academic Club or Competition • Arts or Music Club • Club Based on Ethnicity or Culture • Student Leadership • Multi-Intensive Severe Center-Based Program • Denver Health School-Based Health Center

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

**SCHOOL OFFERINGS:**  
- **West Enrollment Zone**  
- **Uniform:** Blue school polo; khaki pants with black belt; all-black shoes  
- **Afterschool Programming**  
- **Transitional Native Language Instruction**  
- **Breakfast served daily**  
- **Student schedule*: 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. on Fridays)**  
- **Lunch served daily**  
*Subject to change
STRIVE PREP – WESTWOOD

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. Your child can explore opportunities to develop the confidence and lifelong skills necessary for success in college and beyond.

PRINCIPAL: Erik Jacobson
303-962-9880
striveprep.org/westwood
3201 W. Arizona Ave.

Charter School

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 345

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

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

No Transportation Services
Uniform: Blue school tee; blue pullover; any neutral-colored pants (no hoodies)

Breakfast served daily
English as a Second Language

Lunch served daily
Student schedule*: 7:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (1:35 p.m. on Fridays)
*Subject to change
WEST EARLY COLLEGE

West Early College creates a learning environment for both middle school and high school focused on providing students with the necessary skills to be college and career ready. West Early College is an innovative Early College school focusing on the individual needs of all students in a small-school setting. Students will graduate from WEC prepared for the future with a high school diploma, an associate’s degree transferrable to a four-year college or a professional certificate in computer science and or medical fields at no cost.

PRINCIPAL:
Mia Martinez-Lopez
720-423-5482
westearlycollege.dpsk12.org
951 Elati St.
Innovation School

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 12
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 660

PROGRAMS:
ASCENT • Band • Choir • Concurrent Enrollment • Credit Recovery • Future Center • Honors Courses • Music • PE • Spanish • Technology • CareerConnect • Community Service • JROTC • Yearbook or Newspaper • Social Clubs • Student Leadership • Denver Health School-Based Health Center

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

- RTD Bus Pass, West Enrollment Zone
- Uniform: Black or orange school tops
- Breakfast served daily
- English as a Second Language
- Lunch served daily
- Student schedule*: 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (1:45 p.m. on Tuesdays)
  *Subject to change
WEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

West Leadership Academy is a public school designed to promote academic excellence leading directly to college and career readiness. As a College Board School, West Leadership Academy empowers students with a rigorous education that promotes leadership and academic skills to compete in the global market.

PRINCIPAL: Teresa Sena-Klava
720-423-5460
westleadershipacademy.dpsk12.org
951 Elati St.
Innovation School

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 12
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 690

PROGRAMS:
AP Courses • ASCENT • AVID • Concurrent Enrollment • Credit Recovery • Future Center • PE • Pre-Collegiate Program • Spanish • CareerConnect • Band • Choir • Internship Opportunities • Language Immersion • Project-Based Learning • Service Learning • Technology • Community Service • JROTC • Yearbook or Newspaper • Social Clubs • Student Leadership • Denver Health School-Based Health Center

2019 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK RATINGS:

OVERALL > Accredited on Probation

GROWTH > Does Not Meet Expectations

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

RTD Bus Pass, West Enrollment Zone
No uniform required

Breakfast served daily
Dual-Language

Lunch served daily
Student schedule*: 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (1:45 p.m. on Tuesdays)
*Subject to change
West/Southwest Middle School Zone Map

Kepner Campus:
- Kepner Beacon (6-8)
- STRIVE Prep - Kepner (6-8)

Kkpner Sunshine
- Peak Academy

West Campus:
- West Early College West Leadership Academy

Compass Academy
- STRIVE Prep - Federal

Henry Campus:
- Bear Valley (6-8)
- DSST: Henry (6-8)

Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy
- Serves both the West and Southwest Denver Middle School Zones.

West Denver Middle School Zone

Southwest Denver Middle School Zone