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 Gateway Elementary School Enrollment Zone, your child is guaranteed a place at one of the following schools for the 2021-22 school year:

- **KIPP NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY** [ECE* TO 4]
- **KIPP NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL** [5]
- **LENA ARCHULETA** (1 to 5; ECE* and kindergarten is offered at Escalante-Biggs Academy. See the profile section for more information.)
- **SOAR ELEMENTARY** [K TO 5]
  *ECE offered but not guaranteed

Even though you reside in this enrollment zone and have guaranteed access to one of these four schools, you may apply to 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 Gateway 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 a.m. Jan. 15 and 4 p.m. Feb. 16, 2021. Notification of your student’s 2021-22 school year assignment and/or waitlist information will be sent in late March 2021.

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**GATEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT ZONE**

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

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**CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK**

In previous years, school profiles in this enrollment zone packet included information on school performance. You will notice that information is not included this year.

The DPS Board of Education on Aug. 20, 2020 voted to stop using the DPS School Performance Framework (SPF) and instructed the district to use the Colorado Department of Education’s SPF, along with a DPS-specific informational dashboard. DPS educators and leaders are working now to develop the informational dashboard, and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and schools, the Colorado Department of Education will not issue SPF ratings for the 2019-20 school year. Please visit [www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/performanceframeworks](http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/performanceframeworks) to view state SPF ratings from previous years.
What are my student’s options for the 2021–22 school year?

Students living within the Gateway Elementary School Enrollment Zone (who have not “choiced” out of this enrollment zone) are guaranteed a spot at one of the following schools: KIPP Northeast Elementary; KIPP Northeast Middle School (fifth grade); Lena Archuleta (ECE-kinder at Escalante-Biggs); and SOAR.

If you reside in the Gateway Elementary School Enrollment Zone, you should complete and submit your student’s SchoolChoice application anytime between 8 a.m. Jan. 15 and 4 p.m. Feb. 16, 2021. You will be asked to rank your top school preferences within the Gateway 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 log in. You can submit your application anytime between 8 a.m. Jan. 15 and 4 p.m. Feb. 16, 2021. 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 2021–22 school year?

Notification of your school assignment and/or waitlist information for the 2021-22 school year will be sent in late March 2021.

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, their 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. 16 deadline will remain unassigned and will have an opportunity to participate in Round 2, which opens in early April, following the release of Round 1 results.

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. Students who reside and attend school in the Far Northeast Enrollment Zone will receive transportation through the Success Express Far Northeast shuttle for the following schools:

› KIPP Northeast Elementary
› Lena Archuleta
› SOAR Elementary
› Escalante-Biggs Academy

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

WEBSITE: kippcolorado.org
GRADES SERVED: ECE to 4
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 470

KIPP Northeast Elementary 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 develop a lifelong love of learning. Our school values are love, grow, community and justice. We believe in providing students with an education that is both excellent and equitable.

PROGRAMS:
ECE-4 English • Kindergarten English • Community Resources • Personalized Learning • PE • Spanish • Technology • Music • Spanish for Heritage Speakers • Visual Arts • STEM • Academic Club or Competition

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

Success Express

Before-School Programming

Afterschool Programming

Lunch served daily

Uniform: Blue polo and hoodie; gray logo cardigan; khaki or black pants

Transitional Native Language Instruction

Breakfast served daily
KIPP NORTHEAST DENVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEBSITE: kippcolorado.org
GRADES SERVED: 5 to 8
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 485

KIPP Northeast Denver Middle School supports students on their path to opportunity and success. 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. KIPP Northeast is a community of students, parents, and educators who work together to ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills, and character strengths needed to succeed.

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:

- **Success Express**
- **Lunch** served daily
- **Afterschool Programming**
- **Uniform**: School polo or sweatshirt; khaki or black pants or skirt
- **Breakfast** served daily
- **English as a Second Language**
LENA ARCHULETA

WEBSITE: lenaarchuleta.dpsk12.org
GRADERS SERVED: 1 to 5
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 485

At Archuleta Elementary, we are a community committed to success for all through hard work, love and inspiration. Our staff cultivates each student’s unique skills and talents, knowing that all of our students have brilliant minds. Archuleta emphasizes college and career readiness through innovative programs such as OWL and AVID.

Contact Escalante-Biggs for ECE and kindergarten.

PROGRAMS:
- Tutoring
- Arts Focus
- AVID
- Fine Arts
- Highly Gifted and Talented
- PE
- Choir
- Music
- STEM
- Affective Needs Center-Based Program

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
- Success Express
- Afterschool Programming
- Breakfast served daily
- Lunch served daily
- Uniform: Polo tops in navy blue, light blue, white or burgundy; dress pants in khaki, navy blue or black
- English as a Second Language, Transitional Native Language Instruction
SOAR

WEBSITE: soardenver.org
GRADES SERVED: K to 5
ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 425

SOAR is a public elementary charter school committed to providing exceptional educational opportunities to students in Far Northeast Denver. SOAR offers an innovative, holistic approach to education that includes rigorous academic instruction in conjunction with an active classroom. Our model challenges students to think critically and take active roles in their classrooms and communities.

PROGRAMS:
Kindergarten English • Community Resources • Fine Arts • Music • PE • STEM • Drama • Expeditionary Learning • Academic Club or Competition • Arts or Music Club • Social Clubs • Student Leadership • Denver Health School-Based Health Center

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:
- Success Express
- Lunch served daily
- Before-School Programming
- Uniform: School shirt
- Afterschool Programming
- Transitional Native Language Instruction
- Breakfast served daily
Escalante-Biggs Academy is a DPS school designed to provide preschool and kindergarten students with the strongest possible foundation for academic success. Our principal, teachers and staff are experts in Early Childhood Education, and they are dedicated to helping every child acquire the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in elementary school and beyond. Escalante-Biggs Academy offers ECE through kindergarten for our affiliated schools.

Students who attend kindergarten at Escalante-Biggs will automatically flow directly into Lena Archuleta for first grade.

**Programs:**
ECE-3 English and Spanish • ECE-4 English and Spanish • Kindergarten English and Spanish • PE • Early Childhood Education Model 1 Center-Based Program

**School Offerings:**
- Success Express
- Uniform: No uniform required
- Breakfast served daily
- Transitional Native Language Instruction
- Lunch served daily