



2021-22 SOUTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT ZONE



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

- > **BEAR VALLEY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (6 to 8)**
- > **KUNSMILLER CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY (K to 12)**
Requires additional qualification steps, please contact school for details.
- > **STRIVE PREP – FEDERAL (6 to 8)**

If you have any questions during the SchoolChoice process, please contact 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

Even though you reside in this enrollment zone and have guaranteed access to one of these three 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 Southwest 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 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.



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 to view state SPF ratings from previous years.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are my student's options for the 2021-22 school year?

Students living within the Southwest Denver Middle School Enrollment Zone (who have not "choiced" out of this enrollment zone) are guaranteed a spot at one of the following schools: Bear Valley International School; Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy; and STRIVE Prep – Federal.

If you reside in the Southwest Denver Middle 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 Southwest 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 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

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.

Transportation will be provided in accordance to District Policy EEAA. Students who reside and attend school in the Southwest Middle School Zone, and live more than 2.5 miles from their school, will receive transportation through the Southwest Express to the following schools:

- › Bear Valley International School

Please Note: Transportation-eligible students attending Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy will receive standard bus route services. For STRIVE Prep – Federal, transportation is provided through the West Enrollment Zone service.

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 that are not eligible for transportation may apply for a transportation exception by completing the online form through the Parent Portal.

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.

PRINCIPAL:
Hiliana Leon

720-423-9600
3005 S. Golden Way

Innovation School

BEAR VALLEY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

WEBSITE: bearvalley.dpsk12.org

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 445

Offering a wide continuum of interventions and opportunities for acceleration, BVIS will provide personalized learning, one-to-one technology and Spanish language acquisition for all students. As an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP), BVIS students will have the opportunity to gain international perspective through community service and hands-on learning experiences.

PROGRAMS:

AVID • Honors Courses • IB • International Focus • Career Development • Career and Technical Education • Music • Personalized Learning • PE • Service Learning • Spanish • STEM • Technology • Visual Arts • Student Leadership • Multi-Intensive Center-Based Program

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



Southwest Express



Uniform: School logo or gray, black, white or navy top; gray, black, khaki, blue or denim bottom (with no rips or holes; no hoodies)



Breakfast served daily



English as a Second Language



Lunch served daily



PRINCIPAL:
Peter Castillo

720-424-0200
2250 S. Quitman Way



KUNSMILLER CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY

WEBSITE: kunsmiller.dpsk12.org

GRADES SERVED: K to 12

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 890

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. *Kindergarten students are placed through SchoolChoice. All other students must attend an enrollment event. Contact the school for more information.*

PROGRAMS:

Kindergarten English and Spanish • Arts Focus • ASCENT • Fine Arts • Honors Courses • PE • Spanish • Visual Arts • Academic Club or Competition • Career and Technical Education • Career Development • Arts or Music Club • Yearbook or Newspaper • Student Leadership • Denver Health School-Based Health Center

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



RTD Bus Pass,
Standard Bus Routes



Lunch
served daily



Afterschool
Programming



No uniform required



Breakfast
served daily



English as a
Second Language

PRINCIPAL:
Adam Lenzmeier

720-460-2800
2626 W. Evans Ave.

Charter School



STRIVE PREP – FEDERAL

WEBSITE: striveprep.org/federal

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 12

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 350

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 in every child. At STRIVE Prep, students can explore many opportunities to develop the confidence and skills necessary for success in college and beyond.

PROGRAMS:

PE • Technology • Visual Arts • Social Clubs • Student Leadership • Multi-Intensive Center-Based Program

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



West Enrollment
Zone service



Uniform: Navy school
polo or sweater; jeans,
black jeans or khaki
pants (no hoodies)



Breakfast
served daily



English as a
Second Language



Lunch
served daily

SOUTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL ZONE MAP

