



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

- › **FLORIDA PITT WALLER (ECE* TO 8)**
- › **HIGHLINE ACADEMY NORTHEAST (ECE* TO 5)**
- › **OMAR D. BLAIR (K to 8)**

**ECE offered but not guaranteed*

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

NORTHEAST ENROLLMENT CENTER

Evie Dennis Campus
4800 Telluride St.
Building 5, Room 144
Denver, CO 80249

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 Tower 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.



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 Tower Elementary School Enrollment Zone (who have not "choiced" out of this enrollment zone) are guaranteed a spot at one of the following schools: Florida Pitt Waller; Highline Academy Northeast; and Omar D. Blair.

If you reside in the Tower 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 Tower 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

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 Far Northeast Enrollment Zone will receive transportation through the Success Express Far Northeast shuttle for the following schools:

- › Florida Pitt Waller
- › Highline Academy Northeast
- › Omar D. Blair
- › Sandra Todd-Williams (Far Northeast-area preschool)

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 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

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.

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.

PRINCIPAL:
Kayla Grayson

720-424-2840
21601 E. 51st Place



FLORIDA PITT WALLER

WEBSITE: waller.dpsk12.org

GRADES SERVED: ECE to 8

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 825

Florida Pitt Waller provides a comprehensive, well-rounded educational experience. We believe all students can achieve and are committed to producing the best and brightest minds for the future. Our goal is long-range, continuous improvement for students, staff and parents through a shared understanding of achievable academic success.

PROGRAMS:

ECE-3 English and Spanish • ECE-4 English and Spanish • Kindergarten English and Spanish • Tutoring • Music • PE • Technology • Visual Arts • STEM • Arts or Music Club • Yearbook or Newspaper • Social Clubs • Student Leadership • Career Development • Drama • Project-Based Learning • Honors Courses

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



Success Express



Uniform: light gray, purple and hunter green polo and hoodie; khaki, blue, black or denim bottom



Breakfast served daily



English as a Second Language, Transitional Native Language Instruction



Lunch served daily

PRINCIPAL:
Guerin Gray

720-485-5172
19451 E. Maxwell Place

Charter School



HIGHLINE ACADEMY NORTHEAST

WEBSITE: highlineacademy.org

GRADES SERVED: ECE to 5

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 545

Highline Academy Northeast is a tuition-free charter school with a customized liberal-arts curriculum focused on academic, personal and civic excellence. We feature small classes, dedicated teachers and students from around the world. We are a community where academic achievement, personal growth and civic responsibility converge. Both our northeast and southeast campuses have a history of strong academic performance.

PROGRAMS:

ECE-4 English • Kindergarten English • Tutoring • Music • PE • Spanish • Technology • Visual Arts • Academic Club or Competition • Arts or Music Club • Multi-Intensive Center-Based Program • Student Leadership

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



Success Express



Lunch served daily



Afterschool Programming



Uniform: School logo shirt



Breakfast served daily



English as a Second Language

PRINCIPAL:
Kristen Williams

303-371-9570
4905 Cathay St.

Charter School

OMAR D. BLAIR

WEBSITE: omardblaircharterschool.com

GRADES SERVED: K to 8

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 690

It is our belief that every scholar deserves to have a quality education. Our vision is to educate and empower scholars so that they are ready for continued success. We want scholars to be ready for college and career, so emphasis on rigorous, differentiated, data-driven instruction is key. Our community is shaped by our shared core values: wisdom, justice, courage, compassion, hope, respect, responsibility and integrity.

PROGRAMS:

Kindergarten English • Music • PE • Visual Arts • Academic Club or Competition • Arts or Music Club • Community Service • Yearbook or Newspaper • Social Clubs • Student Leadership • Multi-Intensive Autistic Center-Based Program

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



Success Express



Lunch served daily



Afterschool Programming



Uniform: Burgundy, navy or white top; khaki pants



Breakfast served daily



English as a Second Language



TOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZONE MAP

