



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

- > **COMPASS ACADEMY (6 to 8)**
- > **DSST: COLLEGE VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL (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 MIDDLE SCHOOL* (6 to 8)**
**School name is subject to change;
final information not available as of the print date*

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 eight 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 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 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 West Denver Middle School Enrollment Zone (who have not "choiced" out of this enrollment zone) are guaranteed a spot at one of the following schools: Compass Academy; DSST: College View Middle School; Kepner Beacon; KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy; Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy; STRIVE Prep – Kepner; STRIVE Prep – Westwood; and West Middle School.

If you reside in the West 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 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 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.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.

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
- › STRIVE Prep – Kepner
- › Kepner Beacon
- › West Middle School
- › KIPP Sunshine Peak 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.

PRINCIPAL:
Denise Thorne

720-424-0096
2285 S. Federal Blvd.

Charter School

COMPASS ACADEMY

WEBSITE: compassacademy.org

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 300

Compass Academy exists to leverage the power of each person to actualize their unique potential as a learner and leader. Our rigorous curriculum develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills required for success, while also teaching civic responsibility and developing students' socio-emotional strengths in a holistic way. We emphasize three essential elements: academic excellence; our bilingual/biliteracy program; and our social/emotional programming. 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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



Southwest Express



Lunch served daily



Before-School Programming



Uniform: School top, color based on grade; solid-color pants



Afterschool Programming



Transitional Native Language Instruction



Breakfast served daily



PRINCIPAL:
Libby Brien

303-524-6320
3111 W. Dartmouth Ave.

Charter School



DSST: COLLEGE VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEBSITE: dsstpublicschools.org

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 450

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.

PROGRAMS:

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



West Enrollment
Zone



Uniform: Blue logo polo;
gray sweatshirt; black
or khaki dress pants;
black or brown shoes



Breakfast
served daily



Transitional Native
Language Instruction



Lunch
served daily

PRINCIPAL:
Daniel Walsh

720-424-0027
911 S. Hazel Court

Innovation School



KEPNER BEACON MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEBSITE: beaconnetworkschools.org/kbms

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 390

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 Development • 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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



West Enrollment Zone



Uniform: Dark blue school polo; black or khaki pants (no jeans or hoodies)



Breakfast served daily



Transitional Native Language Instruction



Lunch served daily

PRINCIPAL:
Noah Tonk

303-623-5772
375 S. Tejon St.

Charter School



KIPP SUNSHINE PEAK ACADEMY

WEBSITE: kippcolorado.org

GRADES SERVED: 5 to 8

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 440

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



Standard Bus Routes



Uniform: School polo, tee or sweatshirt; black, khaki or brown dress pants or skirts (no shorts)



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:
Liz Herbert

720-485-6394
911 S. Hazel Court

Charter School



STRIVE PREP – KEPNER

WEBSITE: striveprep.org/kepner

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 245

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.

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



West Enrollment Zone



Lunch served daily



Afterschool Programming



Uniform: Blue school polo or black zip sweatshirt; khaki, black dress or blue denim pants or skirts



Breakfast served daily



Transitional Native Language Instruction

PRINCIPAL:
Erik Jacobson

303-962-9880
3201 W. Arizona Ave.

Charter School



STRIVE PREP – WESTWOOD

WEBSITE: striveprep.org/westwood

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 330

STRIVE Prep – Westwood offers personalized academic instruction led by qualified faculty and staff. Holistic support in the mastery of core subjects ensures each student realizes their own potential. We provide personal Chromebooks for use at home and school, inspire critical thinking, and encourage creative collaborations built on a strong foundation of mathematics, science, world studies and English language arts. At STRIVE Prep, your child can explore academic and extracurricular opportunities that develop the confidence and lifelong learning skills necessary for success not just in college, but in life.

PROGRAMS:

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

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



No Transportation Services



Uniform required



Breakfast served daily



English as a Second Language



Lunch served daily

NEW SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:
To Be Determined

720-423-5300
951 Elati St.



WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEBSITE: west.dpsk12.org

GRADES SERVED: 6 to 8

ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT: 427

West Middle School creates a learning environment for middle school students focused on providing students with the necessary skills to be college and career ready. We focus on the individual academic and social-emotional needs of all students.

PROGRAMS:

Social Clubs • Performing Arts • College/Career Experiences • Denver Health School-Based Health Center • Community Services • Honors Courses • World Languages • Fine Arts • Student Leadership • Career and Technical Education • Extracurricular Offerings

SCHOOL OFFERINGS:



RTD Bus Pass,
West Enrollment Zone



No uniform required



Breakfast
served daily



English as a
Second Language



Lunch
served daily

WEST/SOUTHWEST MIDDLE SCHOOL ZONE MAP

