

# Stapleton and Northeast Denver School Information



*2011-2012 School Year*



# DPS Enrollment FAQ's for Stapleton Residents

## Post-January Assignment for the Remainder of the 2011-2012 School Year

*Where will my child go to school? What options does he/she have?*

### Elementary School

For students living within the Stapleton boundary, there are three schools serving kindergarten through 5th grade. Your child is guaranteed a spot at one of the three schools: William (Bill) Roberts School (ECE-8th Grade), Westerly Creek (ECE-5th Grade) and Swigert International School (ECE-2nd grade). SIS will continue to add one grade per year until phase-in is complete for the 2014/2015 school year.

Upon arrival at one of the three Stapleton elementary schools, you will be asked to submit a "Stapleton Second Round Application," indicating your preferred school(s). The DPS Office of Choice & Enrollment Services will match your student to a school based on availability and your stated school preference(s). Your address within Stapleton will have no bearing on your school assignment.

### Middle School

If you reside within the Stapleton boundary, and your child is in 6th, 7th or 8th grade, your neighborhood school is Bill Roberts. To enroll, please contact the school directly at (720) 424-2640.

### High School

If you reside within the Stapleton boundary and your child is in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade, your neighborhood school is George Washington High School. To enroll, please contact the school directly at (720) 424-8600.

Regardless of your child's grade level, if you would like your child to attend any other DPS traditional school, please complete the traditional DPS School of Choice application and submit it to your desired school. You may also apply directly at any magnet or charter school (see individual schools for details).

*Why aren't there elementary school boundaries within Stapleton?*

When Stapleton added a second elementary school in 2006, community members, developers, and Denver Public Schools staff worked together to design a Stapleton "shared boundary" system, in an effort to optimize access to schools within Stapleton. This system was then codified in DPS Board of Education policy.

*How can I get a spot in my preferred school? How does DPS make the decision?*

You need to complete the "Stapleton Second Round Application", indicating your preferred school(s). The DPS Office of Choice & Enrollment Services will match your student to a school based on availability and your stated school preference(s). Applications can be obtained at any of the three schools. Every effort will be made to accommodate siblings by assigning them to the same school if space is available.

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*When will I know the school assignment for my child?*

Once you have completed the “Stapleton Second Round Application,” and submitted it to one of the three elementary schools, you will be called with confirmation of your child’s school assignment within one business day.


*What happens if my child gets assigned to our second or third preference school?*

Your child’s name will be added to the existing waitlist at any higher-preference schools to which he/she does not get assigned. If he/she is not extended an offered after being on the waitlist, you may submit a 1st Round Choice application in January 2012 to attend the desired school in the 2012/2013 school year.

*How will my child get to school?*

DPS transportation will apply pursuant to the Board of Education Transportation Policy: The district provides transportation for all students who reside more than 1 mile from their neighborhood (or home) elementary school; 2.5 miles from neighborhood (or home) middle school; and 3.5 miles from neighborhood (or home) high school. Eligible elementary and middle school students ride yellow school buses, and high-school students receive an RTD pass.

Office of Choice and Enrollment Services  
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## Ashley Elementary School

### Early Childhood Education (ECE) – 5th Grades

Ashley Elementary School provides a safe, supportive learning environment and an excellent academic program designed to meet the individual needs of our students in Early Childhood Education through 5th grade. We offer excellent Transitional Native Language Instruction for English language learners, small class sizes and a strong content-area intervention program for students performing below grade level.

#### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Offer after-school tutoring in literacy and math
- ✓ Provide school-day enrichment to broaden knowledge with specials including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, music, arts and crafts, theater, guitar, violin, and vocal music
- ✓ Enhance learning experiences through hands-on field trips
- ✓ Support teachers with ongoing professional development in language and math
- ✓ Continuously hone teaching skills through our learning lab process

#### *Contact information:*

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## Hallett Fundamental Academy

### ECE – 5th Grades

A magnet school focused on a traditional, back-to-basics education, Hallett Fundamental Academy (formerly Knight) provides a rigorous academic environment that enhances and spotlights individual student responsibility. We offer Early Childhood Education and full-day kindergarten in addition to instruction for 1st through 5th grades.

#### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Feature a structured academic program focusing on reading, writing, oral language development, and math
- ✓ Place a strong emphasis on staff development to ensure highly effective teaching
- ✓ Offer a before- and after-school tutorial program to help students work through challenges
- ✓ Provide students with access to technology including to 30 computers with up-to-date software, including Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint

#### *Contact Information:*

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# Park Hill Elementary

## ECE – 5th Grades

Park Hill is an Early Childhood Education through 5th grade public school focused on providing a broad and rigorous education to a diverse community in preparation for college and career. Park Hill is committed to the academic achievement of all students, retaining a hard-working and dedicated staff of teachers and administrators and having a large volunteer base of parents and community members to ensure community connections. Our school has been recognized each year for high performance and high growth on the DPS School Performance Framework. Our school goal is to improve writing performance across the curriculum by incorporating rigorous thinking and tasks.

### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Partner with both internal and external education groups to provide quality after-school enrichment programs
- ✓ Work with University of Colorado to host teacher preparation courses, and to bring teacher candidates and student teachers into our classrooms to help keep class sizes down
- ✓ Partner with the Denver Zoo and University of Colorado Medical campus medical residency program to support enrichment in math/science
- ✓ Partner with Denver Urban Gardens and the Urban Hens project to support student understanding of the food cycle and to assist in better understanding of caring for our land and animals in Colorado
- ✓ Offer high quality instruction in the areas of music, art , physical education, library (literacy across the curriculum), a gifted/ talented program, and two computer labs

### *Contact Information:*

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<http://www.parkhillelementary.org>

# Smith Renaissance School

## ECE – 5th Grades

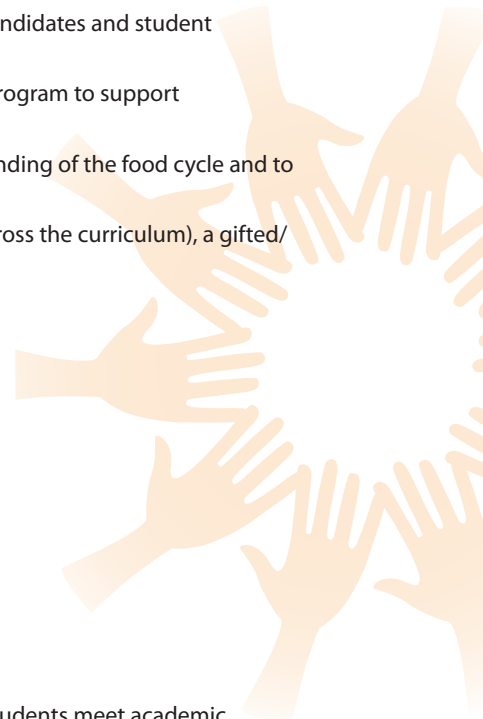
Smith offers a quality academic program to a diverse student body designed to ensure that all students meet academic standards. Our mission is that all students leave Smith performing in core academic areas at grade level or above. To meet the needs of our multi-cultural student body, we have a multi-lingual staff. In addition, we focus on team teaching in order to decrease our student to teacher ratios. We are proud to offer a focused core instruction with a workshop model.

### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Offer a state-of-the art computer lab with instruction in art technology
- ✓ Provide enhanced Promethian technology in Science and Mathematics classrooms
- ✓ Offer after school enrichment programs such as Imagine Learning, Junior Jazzercise, Basketball, and Soccer
- ✓ Teach school gardening classes and host a Youth Farmer's Market
- ✓ Partner with Denver Museum of Nature and Science

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(720) 424-4000  
<http://smith.dpsk12.org>



# Stedman Elementary School

## ECE – 5th Grades

Stedman is an Early Childhood Education through 5th grade elementary school that partners with parents and the community to establish and maintain an environment of high academic standards. Emphasis is placed on creative freedom and character-building to educate and develop the unique and diverse characteristics that make each child an integral part of society.

### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Provide a structured academic program focusing on reading, writing, oral language development, and math
- ✓ Provide double or triple sessions of guided reading or math to students in need of additional attention
- ✓ Offer after-school and summer tutorial programs for skill development in reading and math
- ✓ Feature advanced technology with 30 computers, software and an instructor to assist in technology instruction and exploration
- ✓ Utilize ESL and ELA-S instruction for English-language learners and their families for success in the classroom and community

### *Contact Information:*

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Denver, CO 80207  
(720) 424-3800  
<http://stedman.wikispaces.dspk12.org>

# Swigert International School

## ECE – 2nd Grades (Eventually to serve ECE – 5th)

Swigert International School is Stapleton's newest school and currently serves students in Early Childhood Education through 2nd grade for the 2011-12 school year. The school aims to develop knowledgeable, inquisitive and compassionate young people through a collaboration of students, teachers and parents. Swigert International School is dedicated to providing a challenging and exceptional academic environment through the International Baccalaureate Program, helping each child reach his or her potential.

### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Offer art, music, Spanish, and character education/fitness class
- ✓ Provide full-day and half-day classes for 4- and 5-year olds, as well as an integrated preschool class for 3-year olds
- ✓ Focus on creating a multicultural environment that cultivates caring, respectful students who actively contribute to the well-being of themselves, their classmates, their community, and the environment

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# Westerly Creek Elementary

## ECE – 5th Grades

Westerly Creek serves a close-knit community in the heart of the Stapleton neighborhood. Our highly qualified teachers are dedicated to the intellectual and social growth of our students, and to inspiring life-long learning. Students study the Denver Public Schools core curriculum, including Literacy, Everyday Math, TRACKS Science, and Social Studies. We serve Early Childhood Education through 4th grade, with tuition-based Early Childhood Education and full-day kindergarten.

### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Enrich the core curriculum with classes in the arts, physical education, technology, and character development
- ✓ Implement school-wide planning for consistency in instruction
- ✓ Meet, plan, and analyze student data as grade-level teams
- ✓ Utilize professional resources to improve teaching practices and meet student needs
- ✓ Emphasize differentiated staff development

### *Contact Information:*

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(720) 424-3160  
<http://westerlycreek.dpsk12.org>

# Odyssey Charter School

## K – 8th Grades

The Odyssey School is a dynamic Expeditionary Learning Community dedicated to fostering each child's unique potential and spirit of adventure through exemplary standards of character, intellectual achievement and social responsibility. We draw our direction and strength from Expeditionary Learning Design Principles. The curriculum is designed around rigorous, purposeful, project-based learning expeditions tied to Colorado state standards. A student's learning experience includes a focus on reading and writing through literature, a rigorous math program, computers to develop students' research and thinking skills, fine arts, documentation of students' work through portfolios, regular out-of-school fieldwork and adventures with environmental education.

### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Focus on reading and writing through literature, and ensure students become efficient, engaged writers
- ✓ Offer a rigorous math program through Investigations and Connected Math
- ✓ Provide classes in fine arts, regular out-of-school fieldwork, and environmental education, and utilize computers to develop research and thinking skills
- ✓ Support the development of a strong professional learning community for staff members
- ✓ Document student progress through portfolios

### *Contact Information:*

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<http://www.odysseydenver.org>



# William Roberts

## K – 8th Grades

William Roberts serves students Early Childhood Education through 8th grade with a rigorous academic curriculum. Our goal is to meet the needs of every child through instructional differentiation of the whole child through civic responsibility, academic rigor and parent involvement. Middle school students benefit from a tightly knit community of critical thinkers where students feel valued and are held to high academic and social expectations preparing them for the future. This contributes to Bill Roberts' ranking among the highest achieving DPS middle schools for academic growth.

### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Create a respectful and supportive community with students building meaningful and caring relationships with other students across all grade levels
- ✓ Implement differentiated instruction to meet the needs of every student including GT/Honors and Spanish courses in the upper grades, and other enrichment and intervention programs school-wide
- ✓ Enrich learning through strong after-school programs including drama, music, art, and at the middle school level, competitive sports
- ✓ Facilitate 5th-8th grade students in completing service-learning projects and leadership projects/programs for the whole school
- ✓ Provide professional development for staff targeted to 21st century thinking skills

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<http://billroberts.dpsk12.org>



# Smiley Middle School

## 6th – 8th Grades

Smiley Middle School strives for excellence and a positive learning environment. Our International Baccalaureate educators will provide an opportunity for all students to succeed in the 21st century through inquiry, knowledge, creativity and critical thinking. At Smiley Middle School, we embrace our responsibility in creating and maintaining an environment that will propel all students to meet and exceed proficiency in multiple areas of learning. With this success in mind, we have established measurable expectations for all students. With the generous support of our parent and stakeholder community, we will, together, do whatever it takes to help each and every Smiley Middle School student achieve his or her individual goals.

### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Provide individualized support through the teacher-directed Smiley STARS tutoring program to ensure students increase growth and performance
- ✓ Enrich learning by providing opportunities to explore the world through the network of international IBMYP schools
- ✓ Offer an environment designed to help students thrive: a smaller learning community of 300 students and individualized attention
- ✓ Love numbers! Staff and students analyze performance data and monitor progress, and staff provides resources to increase student achievement systematically
- ✓ Partner with elementary and high schools to ensure seamless transitions

### *Contact Information:*

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(720) 424-1540  
<http://smileymiddleschool.com>

# Denver School of the Arts

## 6th – 12th Grades

Denver School of the Arts serves students in grades 6th through 12th who are intent on developing their artistic talents. Ranked as one of the 200 “Best High Schools in America,” students engage in a rigorous academic program and intensive artistic studies in a culturally diverse environment. Students devote at least 90 minutes daily to artistic classes. Competitive audition required for admittance.

### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Offer 11 majors, including band, dance, guitar, orchestra, piano, stage craft/design, creative writing, theatre, video cinematography, visual arts, and vocal music
- ✓ Provide the Interactive Mathematics Program (IMP), endorsed by top mathematics organizations and colleges
- ✓ Offer honors-level academics for all classes, as well as Advanced Placement and post-secondary classes
- ✓ Require students to perform at high levels in academics and the arts

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# Denver School of Science and Technology (DSST)

## 6th – 12th Grades

Through its network of schools, DSST Public Schools (DSST) is dedicated to providing a diverse student body with an outstanding secondary liberal arts education with a science and technology focus. By creating powerful learning communities centered on core values and a shared commitment to academic excellence, we will increase the number of underrepresented students (girls, minorities and economically disadvantaged) who attain college science and liberal arts degrees. Our graduates will be responsible, engaged citizens who are prepared to be leaders of the future.

### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Center our school on six core values – respect, responsibility, integrity, courage, curiosity and doing your best
- ✓ Challenge students with rigorous, liberal arts college preparatory curriculum with an emphasis on the sciences
- ✓ Provide each student with a laptop or tablet computer to allow students to learn with the latest technology
- ✓ At the high school level, we provide two academies to meet the differing needs of high school students: Prep Academy (grades 9-10) and Senior Academy (grades 11-12)

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(303) 320-5570  
<http://dsstpublicschools.org>

# George Washington High School

## 9th – 12th Grades

George Washington High School offers a variety of programs to meet the learning needs of our diverse student body, including Advanced Placement courses, the International Baccalaureate program, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, and special education services. Our goal is to prepare students for post-secondary education and careers by focusing on academic, social, emotional, and psychological development.

### *To ensure success we:*

- ✓ Deliver a rigorous curriculum for all students and offer specific classes for students who need additional support in math and English
- ✓ Offer the state's oldest International Baccalaureate program
- ✓ Enrich student learning through more than 45 active clubs
- ✓ Provide leadership opportunities for students through classes and clubs
- ✓ Emphasize staff development on data-driven instruction

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