

DPS Enrollment FAQ's for Stapleton Residents

Post-January 2011 Assignments for the 2011/12 School Year

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

If you reside within the Stapleton boundary and your child is a kindergartner or 1st – 5th grader, your child is guaranteed a spot at one of the three schools in the area: William (Bill) Roberts K-8, Westerly Creek Elementary School, and Swigert-McAuliffe International School (SMIS). Your address within Stapleton will have no bearing on your school assignment. The Office of Choice & Enrollment Services will consider space availability at each school, paired with your stated school preference(s) to match your child with a school.

If you reside within the Stapleton boundary and your child is in grade 6th, 7th, or 8th, your neighborhood school is Bill Roberts.

If you reside within the Stapleton boundary and your child is in grade 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th, your neighborhood school is George Washington High School.

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 at 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 its 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 the various schools within Stapleton. This system was then codified in DPS Board of Education policy.

How can I get a spot in my preferred school?

Whether you prefer to have your child attend Bill Roberts, Westerly Creek, or SMIS, you will need to indicate your school preference(s) on the "Stapleton Second Round Application". Applications can be obtained at any of the three Stapleton schools.

Every effort will be made to accommodate siblings by assigning them to the same school if space is available.

When will I know which school my child has been assigned to?

Once you have completed the "Stapleton Second Round Application", please submit it to the office staff at any of the three Stapleton schools. Once you have done this, you will be called with confirmation of your child's school assignment within one business day.

How will DPS determine where my child will go to school?

Students who live within the Stapleton area boundary will be asked to fill out the "Stapleton Second Round Application". Based on the school preference(s) you indicate on this form and current enrollment numbers, your child will be matched with a school by a staff member in the Office of Choice & Enrollment Services. Your address within Stapleton will have no bearing on your school assignment.

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 school to which he/she does not get assigned. If he/she is not extended an offer after being on the waitlist, you may submit a 1st Round Choice application in January 2012 to attend the desired school in the 2012/13 school year.

How will my child get to school?

DPS transportation will apply pursuant to the Board of Education Transportation Policy. Generally speaking, elementary-level students living more than 1.0 mile from their assigned school are eligible for transportation.