



We recognize that this is a very exciting time for your family, as it is time to start planning for kindergarten for your child. As a Stapleton resident, your student is part of the Stapleton-Area Elementary Shared Boundary and has the unique opportunity to select from one of three schools for kindergarten. There are many factors to consider as you delve into the various options for your soon-to-be kindergartener, and Denver Public Schools (DPS) is committed to serving as your partner in this important journey.

Given your current address, your child is part of the Stapleton-Area Elementary Shared Boundary, and is guaranteed a seat at one of three schools for the 2012-13 school year. These schools include:

- Swigert International School (ECE–3rd Grade)
- William “Bill” Roberts (ECE–8th Grade)
- Westerly Creek (ECE–5th Grade)



To help you make your decision for next year, enclosed in this packet you will find:

- The 2012-13 SchoolChoice Enrollment Guide, which highlights every school in our district. You will find many programmatic options in various regions of Denver, including everything from Montessori instruction and international-focused schools to dual-language programs and fundamental academies. We encourage you to review the school options that offer kindergarten and, if you have time, visit one or more of the schools that are of interest to you.
- A one-page overview of each school as well as a Stapleton School FAQ.
- The “SchoolChoice Form” where you will identify your student’s top five school preferences for 2012-13.

After reviewing this packet, and researching schools for your student, you will need to complete the SchoolChoice Form. Please fill in the “1” circle next to the school that you would most like your child to attend, fill in the “2” circle next to your second-preference school and continue until you have rated your top 5 choices. Please note, you may rate all three of the Stapleton-Area Elementary Shared Boundary schools and/or any DPS school, including those in other regions that can be found in the SchoolChoice Enrollment Guide.

In order to be considered for the First Round of the DPS SchoolChoice process, your completed SchoolChoice Form must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. The form can be returned to any DPS school or to the DPS administrative office at 900 Grant Street, 1st floor. Any form received after this time will be considered for the Second Round of the DPS SchoolChoice process, where students are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Our office will process all SchoolChoice Forms in the month of February and send you a letter in the first week of March 2012, informing you of your student’s school enrollment for the 2012-13 school year. If he/she is not enrolled at your first-preference school, he/she will be waitlisted at any school that was ranked higher than the school of enrollment.

If you have questions at any point during the SchoolChoice process, please do not hesitate to contact one of our team members at (720) 423-3493. We look forward to working with you!

Office of Choice and Enrollment Services

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Discover a World of Opportunity™



Swigert International School

Grades Served for 2012-13: ECE–3

Swigert International School (SIS) aims to develop knowledgeable, inquisitive and compassionate young people through a collaboration of students, teachers and parents. SIS is dedicated to providing a challenging and exceptional academic environment through the International Baccalaureate Program, helping each child reach his or her potential. SIS is a candidate school for International Baccalaureate accreditation. In 2012-13, we will be in our second year of implementation with a goal of being accredited after our third year.

To ensure success, we:

- ✓ Offer art, music, Spanish, and Physical Education to supplement the core curriculum
- ✓ 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

Offerings:

- Student Schedule*: 8:45 am–3:45 pm
- Uniform*: No
- Before-school programming? Yes: Kaleidoscope Corner
- After-school programming? Yes: Kaleidoscope Corner, Enrichment Program
- Additional School Offerings: International Baccalaureate (IB), Tutoring, Full-Day Kindergarten, Gifted & Talented, Constructive Nature, Integrated Preschool for 3-year-olds, Preschool Hub Center-Based Program

*Subject to change.

Contact Information:

Principal: Chuck Raisch
Phone: (720) 424-4800
Website: <http://swigert.dpsk12.org/>
Address: 3480 Syracuse St.

Interested in learning more about Swigert International School? Attend one of our Open House events!

When: December 8, January 18 and January 19 at 9 am

Where: SIS Campus (3480 Syracuse Street)

What: Come and meet the principal, Chuck Raisch, learn more about the school and take a tour of the building.





Westerly Creek Elementary

Grades Served for 2012–13: ECE–5

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 lifelong learning. Students study the DPS Core Curriculum, including Literacy, Everyday Math, TRACKS Science, and Social Studies. We serve Early Childhood Education (ECE) through 5th grade, with tuition-based ECE 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

Offerings:

- Student Schedule*: **ECE 3 and half-day 4-year-olds:** 9:00 am–11:40 am or 1:00 pm–3:40 pm
Full-day ECE 4-year-olds: 9:00 am–3:40 pm **All other grades:** 9:00 am–3:45 pm
- Uniform: No
- Before-school programming? Yes: Kaleidoscope Corner
- After-school programming? Yes: Kaleidoscope Corner and Enrichment Activities
- Additional School Offerings: Full-Day Kindergarten, After-school Tutoring, Gifted & Talented, MI-Aut Center-Based Program for Primary and Intermediate Grades, Character Education, Kids Help Club, Girls on the Run, Math Olympia, Destination Imagination, Coin Club, ELA Services

**Subject to change.*

Contact Information:

Principal: Jill Corcoran
Phone: (720) 424-3160
Website: <http://westerlycreek.dpsk12.org>
Address: 8800 E. 28th Ave.



Interested in learning more about Westerly Creek? Sign up for a School Tour!

To learn more about Westerly Creek Elementary School, please come to one of our PTA-sponsored tours. Tours are led by Westerly Creek parents and occur the first Tuesday and third Friday of the month and run October through March, 9:30 am –10:30 am. Tours are a great way to hear more about our staff, instructional programs and students. Please see the school calendar for scheduled dates and times and sign up using “slyreply” at <http://www.slyreply.com/Event/EventDetails.aspx?eid=iF7B%2b0EhtuE%3d>.





William “Bill” Roberts School

Grades Served for 2012-13: ECE–8

William Roberts serves Early Childhood Education (ECE) through 8th-grade students 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.

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 Gifted & Talented, 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 and art and, at the middle school level, competitive sports
- ✓ Facilitate 5th- through 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



Offerings:

- Student Schedule*: Monday – Thursday, 8:15 am–3:15 pm; Friday, 8:15 am–1:15 pm
- Uniform: No
- Before-school programming? Yes: Kaleidoscope
- After-school programming? Yes: Kaleidoscope, Middle School Sports, Various Enrichment Classes offered by My Enrichment, Various Clubs, Girls on the Run
- Additional School Offerings: 3- and 4-year-old ECE, Full-Day Kindergarten, Advanced Kindergarten, Tutoring, Service Learning, AN Center-Based Program for Intermediate Grades, Art, Music, Dance/P.E., Drama, Student Assistants, Spanish, Technology, ELA Services

**Subject to change.*

Contact Information:

Principal: Patricia Lea
Phone: (720) 424-2640
Website: <http://billroberts.dpsk12.org>
Address: 2100 Akron Way

Interested in checking out Bill Roberts?

Visit our website <http://billroberts.dpsk12.org> for upcoming events, or call the main office at (720) 424-2640 for additional information.





Elementary School Student Enrollment FAQs

2012-13 School Year

Where will my child go to school next year (2012-13)? What options does he/she have?

For students living within the Stapleton-Area Elementary Shared Boundary, there are three schools serving kindergarten through 5th grade. Your child is guaranteed a spot at one of the three schools: Swigert International School (ECE-3rd grade), Westerly Creek (ECE-5th grade) or William “Bill” Roberts (ECE-8th grade). Swigert will continue to add one grade per year until the school serves ECE-5th grades.

Families who reside in the Stapleton-area boundary will be asked to complete and submit a DPS SchoolChoice form by **January 31, 2012**. On this form, you will be asked to state your top 5 school preferences. You may indicate any or all of the three Stapleton boundary schools, and/or you may also use this form to “Choice” into another DPS school. Based on the school preferences you indicate on this form, your child will be awarded a seat at his/her highest-preference school that has space available.

How can I get a spot in my preferred school?

It is very important to think about what program you want for your child and indicate your true preference on the “SchoolChoice Form.” This will give you the best chance to get the program you desire. Your completed form must be submitted no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2012. The form can be returned to any DPS school or to the DPS administrative office at 900 Grant Street, 1st floor. If submitted at a school, office staff will then forward your SchoolChoice form to the DPS Office of Choice and Enrollment Services for processing. Please make sure to get a date-stamped copy of your form from the office staff.

How will my child get to school next year?

Transportation is subject to the DPS transportation policy. Students who participate in a special program that provides bus service (i.e., some Special Education programs) and those who live outside of their boundary school’s “walk zone” will be provided transportation to and from school. Please visit the DPS transportation website at <http://transportation.dpsk12.org> for details.

When and how will I be notified of my child’s school enrollment for the 2012-13 school year?

In the first week of March, the Office of Choice and Enrollment Services will send a letter to your home address informing you about your child’s school enrollment for the 2012-13 school year. This letter will also include any relevant information about your child’s status on other schools’ waitlists, if applicable.

What if my child does not get his/her first-preference school?

If your child is enrolled at a school other than what you have indicated as your first preference school, his/her name will be placed on a wait list for that 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. This could happen at any time between March 2012 and August 31, 2012.

What if my student does not return a SchoolChoice form?

Any Stapleton-area incoming kindergartener who does **not** submit a form by January 31, 2012 will be assigned to a school by the DPS Office of Choice and Enrollment Services. Students will be enrolled at either Swigert International, Westerly Creek Elementary or William Roberts based on space available per program.

Why aren’t there elementary school boundaries within Stapleton?

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

How can I find out more about my boundary schools?

Swigert International School: Chuck Raisch, Principal, (720) 424-4800, <http://swigert.dpsk12.org/>

Westerly Creek: Jill Corcoran, Principal, (720) 424-3160, <http://westerlycreek.dpsk12.org/>

William “Bill” Roberts: Patricia Lea, Principal, (720) 424-2640, <http://billroberts.dpsk12.org/>

