

In an effort to clarify the upcoming School Choice and Enrollment processes for ALL grades, we have put together a quick guide for families. There are different requirements for several of the grade levels, so please read through the entire guide for each of your students.

Right before the holiday break, we were informed of significant changes from past years to the ECE-3 and ECE-4 enrollment processes. We have tried to summarize the information below that we have gathered from the DPS and CDEC websites. DPS and CDEC have been sending out updates, and it is possible we may get more updates to the process before Enrollment begins. We will keep families updated as new information becomes available.

All ECE-3 students for the 2023-24 school year:

Note Park Hill Elementary does NOT have an ECE-3 program.

ECE-3 Enrollment will be different than in past years. This process is now managed by the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) and DPS. Families will need to complete a CDEC Universal Pre-K (UPK) application starting on January 17th - <https://cdec.colorado.gov/colorado-universal-preschool>. In addition, families will make their school choice elections via the DPS SchoolChoice lottery system. The DPS SchoolChoice website will open from January 13th-February 14th - <https://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/>. Families are encouraged to apply as early as possible to avoid potential delays or limited opportunities as waitlists will not be utilized for UPK applications. If your student will be new to DPS, please complete the pre-enrollment process (link at the bottom of this email) if you have not yet done so.

All ECE-4 students for the 2023-24 school year:

The ECE-4 Enrollment will be different than in past years. This process is now managed by the Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) and DPS. ECE-4 families will go through the new UPK enrollment process to match their child with a preschool. Families will need to complete a Universal Pre-K (UPK) application on the UPK website starting on January 17th - <https://cdec.colorado.gov/colorado-universal-preschool>. ECE-4 applications will NOT run through the typical DPS lottery system. An application through the DPS SchoolChoice system will still be required. The DPS SchoolChoice website will open from January 13th-February 14th - <https://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/>. Families are encouraged to apply as early as possible to avoid potential delays or limited opportunities as waitlists will not be utilized for UPK applications. If your student will be new to DPS, please complete the pre-enrollment process (link at the bottom of this email) if you have not yet done so.

All Kindergarten students for the 2023-24 school year:

All incoming Kindergarten students will need to complete a DPS SchoolChoice application during the January 13th-February 14th window at <https://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/>. Please note: If you live in the attendance area, even if you are only choosing Park Hill Elementary you still need to complete a SchoolChoice application. If your student will be new to DPS, please complete the pre-enrollment process (link at the bottom of this email) if you have not yet done so.

Current Park Hill students entering 1st-5th grade for the 2023-24 school year:

You do not need to complete the DPS SchoolChoice application if you are planning to continue to attend Park Hill Elementary. Your child will automatically be enrolled at PHE for the next school year.

If you would like to transfer to another DPS school you will need to complete a SchoolChoice application. The DPS SchoolChoice website will open from January 13th-February 14th -

<https://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/>. Note: If you elect to transfer to another school, we can no longer guarantee your child a placement at PHE.

All current Park Hill students entering 6th grade for the 2023-24 school year:

You will need to complete the DPS SchoolChoice application to make your middle school elections. The DPS SchoolChoice website will open from January 13th-February 14th - <https://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/>. You do not need to pre-enroll.

All students new to DPS and/or not actively enrolled with DPS:

Please go onto the PHE website and download the pre-enrollment packet -

https://www.parkhillelementary.org/files/ugd/a1c358_ce0c0d07cc244380b13402adc8b349a3.pdf. Please complete the packet and send accompanying documentation to Ann_Kurth@dpsk12.net.

School Choice Login:

Families should login to the DPS SchoolChoice website with their Parent Portal (<https://myportal.dpsk12.org/>) credentials. If you have never logged into the Parent Portal you will need your child's student ID, which the front office can provide if your child does not remember. New families that complete pre-enrollment will be supplied their child's student ID.

Hopefully, this guide is helpful for families. If you still have questions, please call the front office (720)424-4910 or email Ann_Kurth@dpsk12.net. For issues with the SchoolChoice website: contact the DPS SchoolChoice hotline at (720)423-3493 or email schoolchoice@dpsk12.org.