

Stapleton-Area Middle School Information: 2012–2013 School Year



We recognize that this is a very exciting time for your family, as it is time to start planning for middle school for your child. As a Stapleton resident, your student is part of the Stapleton-Area Middle School Shared Boundary and has the unique opportunity to select from one of two schools for 6th grade. There are many factors to consider as you delve into the various options for your soon-to-be 6th-grader, 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 Middle School Shared Boundary, and is guaranteed a seat at one of two schools for the 2012-13 school year. These schools include:

- McAuliffe International School (6th grade)
- William "Bill" Roberts (ECE–8th 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 science-focused schools to International Baccalaureate and multiple pathway programs. We encourage you to review the school options that offer middle school 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 either or both of the Stapleton-Area Middle School Shared Boundary schools, 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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McAuliffe International School

Grades Served for 2012-13: 6

McAuliffe International School is a new International Baccalaureate candidate middle school that will serve 6th- through 8th-graders in the Greater Park Hill/Stapleton area. The school will open in 2012-13 with 6th grade only, and will add one additional grade each year. McAuliffe will provide a very structured and intentional learning environment where all students are able to excel in academics, personal conduct and service to community. McAuliffe plans to offer a rigorous and holistic education via elective coursework in world languages, technology, physical education, and the visual and performing arts in addition to the core content areas of math, language arts, social studies, and science.

To ensure success, we:

- ✓ Develop caring and principled students who show empathy, compassion and respect towards the feelings and needs of others
- ✓ Look to student leaders to play a central role in maintaining a culture of high expectations and excellence
- ✓ Establish the “Zero’s Are Prohibited Program,” requiring students to stay after school to make up missed assignments
- ✓ Hold weekly morning meetings to celebrate and recognize student achievement, address concerns and allow an opportunity for student voices to be heard
- ✓ Are pursuing innovation status in order to offer a longer school day and school year



Offerings:

- Student Schedule*: 7:45 am–3:45 pm
- Uniform: Yes
- Before-school programming? Yes: Kaleidoscope Corner
- After-school programming? Yes: Kaleidoscope Corner, Sports and other activities as decided by students
- Additional School Offerings: International Baccalaureate (IB), Tutoring, Singapore Math, Fine Arts Classes, Foreign Language Classes, Extended School Year (if Innovation Status granted), Gifted & Talented Support, ELA Support

*Subject to change.

Contact Information:

Principal: Kurt Dennis
Phone: (720) 424-4793
Website: <http://mcauliffe.dpsk12.org/>
Address: 3480 Syracuse St.

Interested in learning more about McAuliffe International School? Join us for an Open House!

When: December 8 and January 12, 2012 at 7 pm
Where: McAuliffe Campus (3480 Syracuse Street)
What: Come and meet the principal, Kurt Dennis, learn more about the plans for the school and take a tour of the building.





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
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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.





Middle 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 Middle School Shared Boundary, there are two schools serving 6th through 8th grade. Your child is guaranteed a spot at one of the two schools: McAuliffe International School (6th grade) or William "Bill" Roberts (ECE-8th grade). McAuliffe will continue to add one grade per year until the school serves grades 6 through 8.

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 either or both of the two 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 6th-grader 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 McAuliffe International School or William Roberts based on space available per program.

Why aren't there middle school boundaries within Stapleton?

In an effort to optimize access to Stapleton-area middle schools, DPS determined the middle school shared boundary would mirror the elementary policy that was developed by Stapleton community members and developers, and DPS staff.

How can I find out more about my boundary schools?

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