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# Great Schools in Every Neighborhood



*The Denver Plan 2020 is the Denver Public Schools' five-year strategic plan. With the vision of Every Child Succeeds, we are committed to five goals designed to close academic achievement gaps and prepare all students for success in college and careers. Among these goals is Great Schools in Every Neighborhood.*

## **What is the goal of Great Schools in Every Neighborhood?**

Students and families thrive when they have high-quality education choices. DPS will dramatically increase the quality of schools available in every neighborhood to ensure that every student in every community throughout the district has access to great schools. That's why our goal is to have at least **80% of DPS students attending a high-performing school by 2020**, measured by region using the district's School Performance Framework.

## **What areas are we focused on to achieve these increases?**

As part of a continuous improvement cycle, we monitor schools' progress to see how they are performing and growing. We evaluate where support is needed and provide the help schools need to reach their goals. We embrace innovation in all of our schools, instead of mandating a one-size-fits-all approach.

To reach our goal, we strive to grow from our successes and learn from our challenges. If a school struggles with low performance over time despite intensive support, we will make the changes necessary to ensure that students have their best opportunity to succeed.



We value the community's voice in selecting new quality schools that are the best fit for their needs and their neighborhood. By supporting and evaluating schools, holding ourselves accountable and starting new schools when needed, DPS is working towards our Denver Plan 2020 goal year-round.

### What specific things are we doing to make progress this year?

This fall, we implemented the School Performance Compact policy, which was designed to make the process of addressing persistently low-performing schools transparent and consistent. As we begin the search for new, high-quality schools to serve DPS families through the Call for New Quality Schools process this spring, we are working to involve community voice. New Community Review Boards will participate in the review of new school applicants and make a recommendation to the superintendent. By ensuring the community's voice is heard in the Call, we hope to better provide high-quality school choices in every neighborhood in Denver.

#### For More Information:

Visit [greatschools.dpsk12.org](https://greatschools.dpsk12.org) to learn more about how we are working to achieve this goal. For communications assistance in support of this Denver Plan goal, contact Policy Communications Specialist Molly Burke at [molly\\_burke@dpsk12.org](mailto:molly_burke@dpsk12.org).

