

## Kindergarten Opportunities

The time is approaching to register for Kindergarten! I wanted to make you aware of the options you have for your child. You are not limited to your feeder (local) school. Douglas County offers many opportunities.

Listed below are some of your options with upcoming deadlines I wanted to share, as well as websites to look into. This list is not all of the options, so please be sure to continue to research.

**Academy Charter School** [www.academycharter.org](http://www.academycharter.org)

Common Core Curriculum

They use a lottery system and are currently accepting registrations.

Open enrollment for Kindergarten and all other grades - **November 1st - November 30<sup>th</sup>** for the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Enrollments.

Click on Enrollment for 2021-2022 School Year on Home Page and follow the links

**American Academy Charter School** [www.americanacademyk8.org](http://www.americanacademyk8.org)

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering & Math

They use a lottery system and an 'On-line Wait List System' - form must be filled out on line and completed by **December 4th**.

Click on the Enrollment button at the top and then click on the Prospective Families.

You will see **Join the Waitlist for 2021-2022**

They have 3 campuses - Castle Pines, Lincoln Meadows & Motsenbocker

**Aspen View Academy School** [www.aspenviewacademy.org](http://www.aspenviewacademy.org)

Core Knowledge Curriculum

An Intent to Enroll form must be filled out on line by **December 1 @ 4:00 pm.**

The form is on their website, use tab on upper right side for enrollment.

Then follow the links.

**Ascent Classical Academy** [www.dougco.ascentclassical.org](http://www.dougco.ascentclassical.org)

This charter school is located in Lone Tree.

Education is taught through a liberal arts approach.

I encourage you to visit their website and read their approach as it does differ from the traditional approach you may see in many of the other schools.

On their website, you will see Apply at the top, just click and follow.

Lottery is open from November 6, 2020 to January 29, 2021

**Leman Academy of Excellence** [www.lemanacademy.com/parker](http://www.lemanacademy.com/parker)

Located in Parker, this charter school combines the classical approach with the data centered based learning. The focus is not on what is taught, but what is learned.

They use a lottery system as well through Douglas County Open Enrollment. You may visit the Douglas County School website or Leman's website for a link.

Dates to fill out an open enrollment form are November 2 - December 1.

**World Compass Academy** [www.worldcompassacademy.com](http://www.worldcompassacademy.com)

Mastery Based Learning by ability grouping, not age; Early Foreign Language Education choosing between French, Mandarin & Spanish

World Compass uses Douglas County Open Enrollment process, which is open now until **December 1st @ 4:00 p.m.**

Visit their website, Click on the Enroll Now tab at the top and it will take you to the Douglas County Website for step by step instructions.

**Renaissance Magnet School** [www.wearecrew.org/enrollment](http://www.wearecrew.org/enrollment)

Renaissance conducts a lottery as well.

Renaissance uses Expeditionary Learning and Outward Bound.

Expeditionary learning is used primarily for Social Studies and Science; a more traditional classroom approach for Math and Reading.

**Enrollment for Renaissance follows open enrollment procedure for Douglas County.**

**Dates are November 2, 2020 - December 1st @ 4:00 pm, 2020**

Visit their website and click on District Open Enrollment

Douglas County neighborhood schools offer open enrollment even though it may not be your feeder school. If you wish to attend a Douglas County School other than your neighborhood one, you must open enroll during **November 2 - December 1 @ 4:00 pm at:**

[www.engaged.dcsdk12.org/guardian/open-enrollment/welcome-to-open-enrollment](http://www.engaged.dcsdk12.org/guardian/open-enrollment/welcome-to-open-enrollment)

Dates for Douglas County Kindergarten *registration* for your neighborhood school vary from school to school. Each school may choose their own dates, so check with your feeder school directly for more information.

Each Douglas County School may choose their niche, or approach to teaching. Here are few examples of what some of the schools offer.

**Clear Sky** - Project Based Learning - Students engage in collaborative in-depth extended studies of authentic topics. With Project Based Learning, students are invested in the process and are able to retain their learning longer.

**Meadowview** - Artful Learning - 4 phase sequence for planning: Experience, Inquire, Create, Reflect. Students harness the arts and the spirit of creativity to energize and *interconnect* the entire schools curriculum.

**Sage Canyon** - Project Based Learning - Explore real world problems and challenges and use cross curriculum skills while working in small groups.

Google Project Based Learning for more details as well as visit the school's website.

**Castle Rock Elementary** - Project Based Learning - see descriptions above for Clear Sky and Sage Canyon. Visit the school's website for more information as well.

**Flagstone** - Whole Child Approach to learning using 5 tenets as core beliefs: Safe, Healthy, Engaged, Challenged, Supported

**Soaring Hawk** - Expeditionary Learning - Engaging in work that is challenging, adventurous and meaningful to make learning and achievement flourish.

For more information regarding Expeditionary Learning, visit [www.eeducation.org](http://www.eeducation.org)