



Discover a World of Opportunity™

Understanding the School Performance Framework

Knowing how well schools are serving students and families is a key part of how we will reach our Denver Plan 2020 goal of Great Schools in Every Neighborhood.

We have high expectations for all of our schools, to make sure our students are prepared for college, career and life when they graduate from DPS.



What is the School Performance Framework?

The School Performance Framework, or SPF, measures many important aspects of what we know makes a great school, such as:

- Student and parent satisfaction
- Improved scores on state tests from year to year
- How well the school serves and challenges all of its students

The SPF helps us know where a school is making progress and where we all need to focus on improving.

How does the SPF help schools keep improving?

SPF ratings help us know how to support schools if their performance dips, and guide decisions about schools that have not shown improvement even after extra time and intense support.

All schools are in the process of making improvements that may be starting to show results on the SPF. These types of big changes take the patience and hard work of outstanding educators supported by extra resources, which is why DPS provides more intense support to the schools that need it most.

What do the colors mean?

We use a color-coded rating scale to show at-a-glance how schools are performing, ranging from our highest rating, Distinguished (blue) to our lowest rating, Accredited on Probation (red).

Our SPF puts special emphasis on student academic growth, or how much progress students have made from one year to the next. In DPS, we believe what is most important is not where kids start, but how much they grow.

 Learn more about the SPF on our website: spf.dpsk12.org.

SPF Rating	What does that color rating mean?
Distinguished	High-quality school that demonstrates strong results across most areas.
Meets Expectations	Quality school that demonstrates good results in many areas, with a few areas in need of some improvement.
Accredited on Watch	School that demonstrates results in some areas and/or has several areas in need of improvement.
Accredited on Priority Watch	School that demonstrates low results overall and/or has multiple areas in need of significant improvement.
Accredited on Probation	School that demonstrates minimal results overall and has many areas in need of significant improvement.