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SchoolChoice Round 1 Analysis

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Executive Summary

Participation

22,729 applicants participated in Round 1.
This turnout was slightly lower than 2013, but rates remained stable across transition grades .

Non-participation

3,154 transition grade-level students did not participate in SchoolChoice and were assigned by default to their neighborhood boundary school. The FRL qualification and ethnicity of these students is consistent with the overall DPS student body.
Southwest Denver has the highest concentration of families not participating in SchoolChoice.

Seat Offers

ECE seat offers are limited in supply due to state funding.
With the exception of secondary grade levels in the Far Northeast, the number of seats offered exceeds the number of applicants in every region in transition grade levels.

Results

94% of Denver residents in transition grade levels (Kinder, 6th and 9th) received one of their preferred schools. This is within 1% of the 2013 results.

2014 Round 1 Participation

Total Number of 2014 Participants

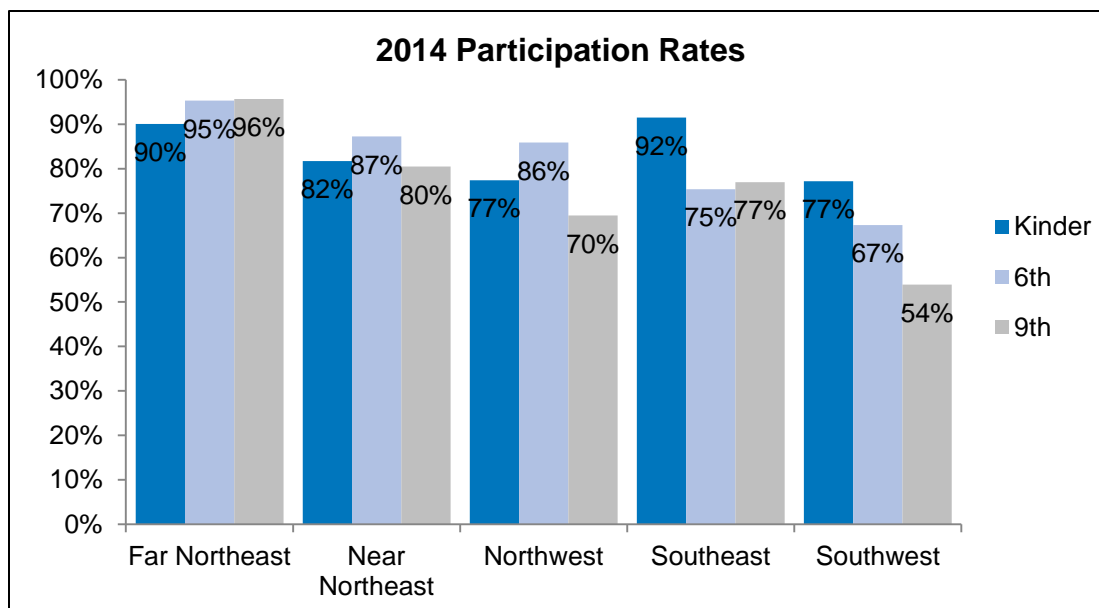
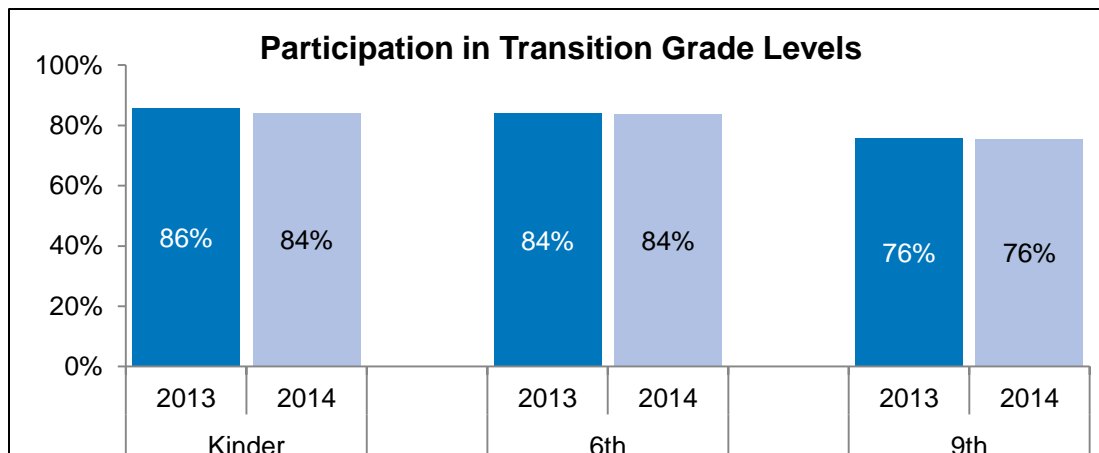
Grade	Number of Participants	% of total
EC	4,445	19.6%
Kinder	5,560	24.5%
1st	824	3.6%
2nd	489	2.2%
3rd	471	2.1%
4th	434	1.9%
5th	435	1.9%
6th	4,870	21.4%
7th	537	2.4%
8th	427	1.9%
9th	3,620	15.9%
10th	342	1.5%
11th	188	0.8%
12th	87	0.4%
Grand Total	22,729	100.0%

The Number of 2014 Participants Compared to 2013

Grade	# of 2013 Participants	# of 2014 Participants	Year Over Year Change	% Change
EC	4,812	4,445	-367	-8%
Kinder	5,859	5,560	-299	-5%
1st	855	824	-31	-4%
2nd	509	489	-20	-4%
3rd	423	471	48	11%
4th	407	434	27	7%
5th	423	435	12	3%
6th	4,703	4,870	167	4%
7th	472	537	65	14%
8th	384	427	43	11%
9th	3,745	3,620	-125	-3%
10th	235	342	107	46%
11th	171	188	17	10%
12th	68	87	19	28%
Grand Total	23,066	22,729	-337	-1%

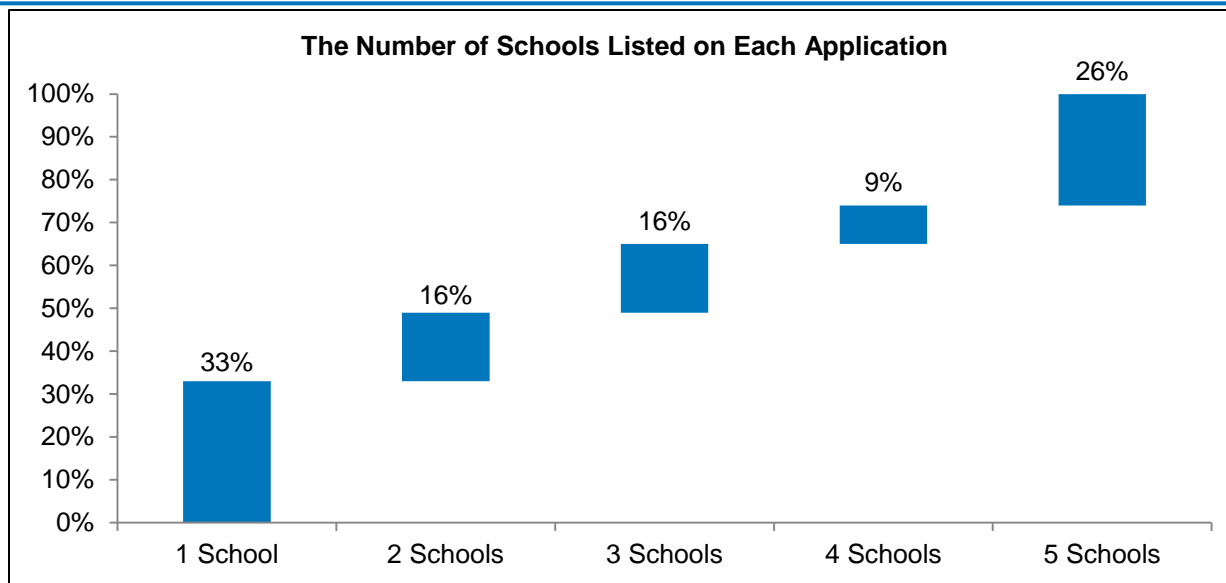
- 62% of Round 1 participants are in transition grade levels (Kinder, 6th and 9th).
- There was an increase in the number of 6th grade participants this year compared to 2013 but overall the number of students who participated in Round 1 this year was slightly lower.

2014 Round 1 Participation

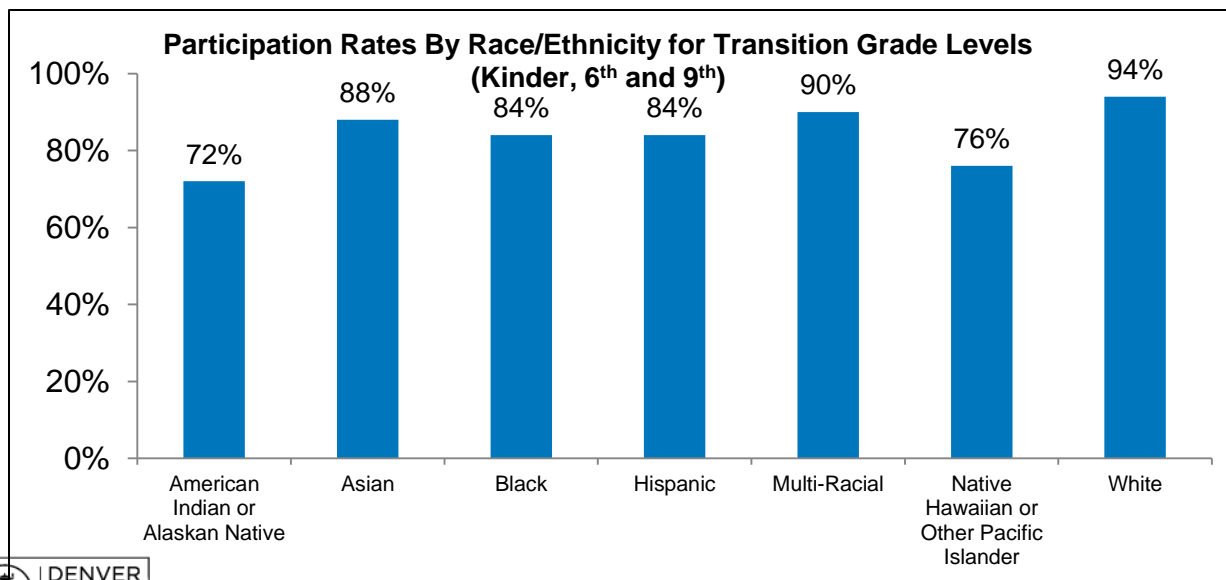


- 2014 participation rates were comparable to 2013.
- The small drop in kinder participation could be a result of students being guaranteed a full day program.
- The Southeast region had the highest levels of participation for kindergarten applicants.
- The Far Northeast (FNE) showed the highest levels of participation for 6th and 9th grade, likely due to the shared enrollment zone.
- Students in transition grades within a shared boundary or enrollment zone need to actively participate in Round 1 due to having more than one school option. Outreach is a critical step in supporting those families during Round 1. FNE is the most established enrollment zone with an enrollment center located within the community.
- The Southwest showed the lowest level of participation in all three transition grade levels. Additional research may be necessary to explain this trend.

2014 Round 1 Participation



- Half of participating families submitted only one or two schools on their choice form.



- There is a 10%-pt. gap between White participation and Black and Hispanic participation

2014 Round 1 Seat Offers

The Number of Seats Offered in Round 1

Grade	Seat Offers 2013-2014	Seat Offers 2014-2015	Comparison
EC	4,076	4,370	294
Kinder	6,786	7,026	240
1	1,175	1,029	-146
2	932	839	-93
3	670	921	251
4	756	661	-95
5	837	906	69
6	5,980	5,716	-264
7	857	870	13
8	633	698	65
9	5,674	5,515	-159
10	900	1,148	248
11	817	1,051	234
12	619	834	215
K-12 Total	26,636	27,214	578
EC-12 Total	30,712	31,584	872

Round 1 Seat offers Compared to Denver Applicants

Grade	Seat Offers 2014-2015	2014-2015 Denver Applicants	Seat:Applicant Ratio
EC	4,370	4,287	1.0
Kinder	7,026	5,305	1.3
1	1,029	752	1.4
2	839	435	1.9
3	921	420	2.2
4	661	398	1.7
5	906	399	2.3
6	5,716	4,571	1.3
7	870	440	2.0
8	698	343	2.0
9	5,515	3,344	1.6
10	1,148	298	3.9
11	1,051	141	7.5
12	834	69	12.1
K-12 Total	27,214	16,915	1.6
EC-12 Total	31,584	21,202	1.5

- ECE seat offers are limited in supply due to funding.
- There was a 3% increase in the number of seats offered in Round 1.
- As a whole district the number of seats meets or exceeds the number of Denver resident participants at each grade

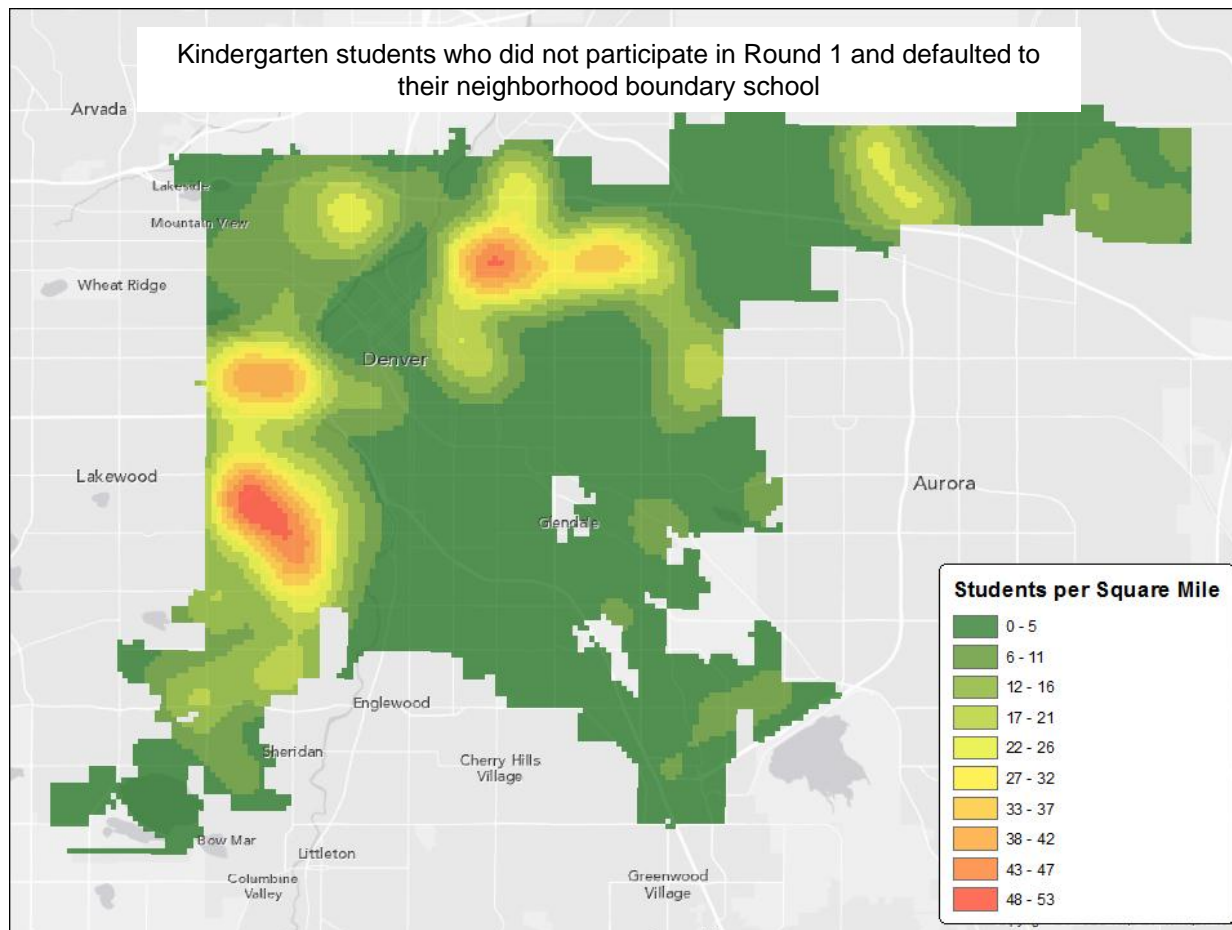
2014 Round 1 Seat Offers

Round 1 Seat Offers Compared to Denver Applicants Across Each Region

Region	EC			Kinder			6th			9th		
	Seats	Applicants	Seat: Applicant Ratio	Seats	Applicants	Seat: Applicant Ratio	Seats	Applicants	Seat: Applicant Ratio	Seats	Applicants	Seat: Applicant Ratio
Southeast	796	844	0.9	1,399	1,196	1.2	1,415	1,058	1.3	1,577	890	1.8
Near Northeast	987	1,027	1.0	1,776	1,320	1.3	1,252	957	1.3	1,107	511	2.2
Southwest	1,007	836	1.2	1,348	1,040	1.3	1,115	517	2.2	1,409	530	2.7
Northwest	969	741	1.3	1,160	760	1.5	928	945	1.0	704	654	1.1
Far Northeast	611	839	0.7	1,343	989	1.4	1,006	1,094	0.9	718	759	0.9
Grand Total	4,370	4,287	1.0	7,026	5,305	1.3	5,716	4,571	1.3	5,515	3,344	1.6

- The supply of seats in ECE across the district is limited due to the lack of full state funding. ECE applications in the Southeast and Far Northeast regions exceeded the number of seats offered. These regions are identified in the SRA as needing additional ECE capacity.
- With the exception of Far Northeast secondary grade levels, the number of seats offered exceeded the number of applicants in kinder 6th and 9th grade in every region. Despite capacity constraints, all students who live in the Far Northeast enrollment zone are guaranteed a seat to one of the schools within the enrollment zone. Additional MS and HS seats will be available in 2015 and increase capacity.

2014 Non-Participants: Kinder



Race/Ethnicity	% Race/Ethnicity
Hispanic	62%
Black (Not Hispanic)	21%
White, not Hispanic	11%
Asian	2%
Multiple races	2%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%
Grand Total	100%

- Non-participation rates among Black and Hispanic families are disproportionately higher than that of White families.
- When looking at specific locations of low-participation, SW Denver and NNE Denver have the highest rates.

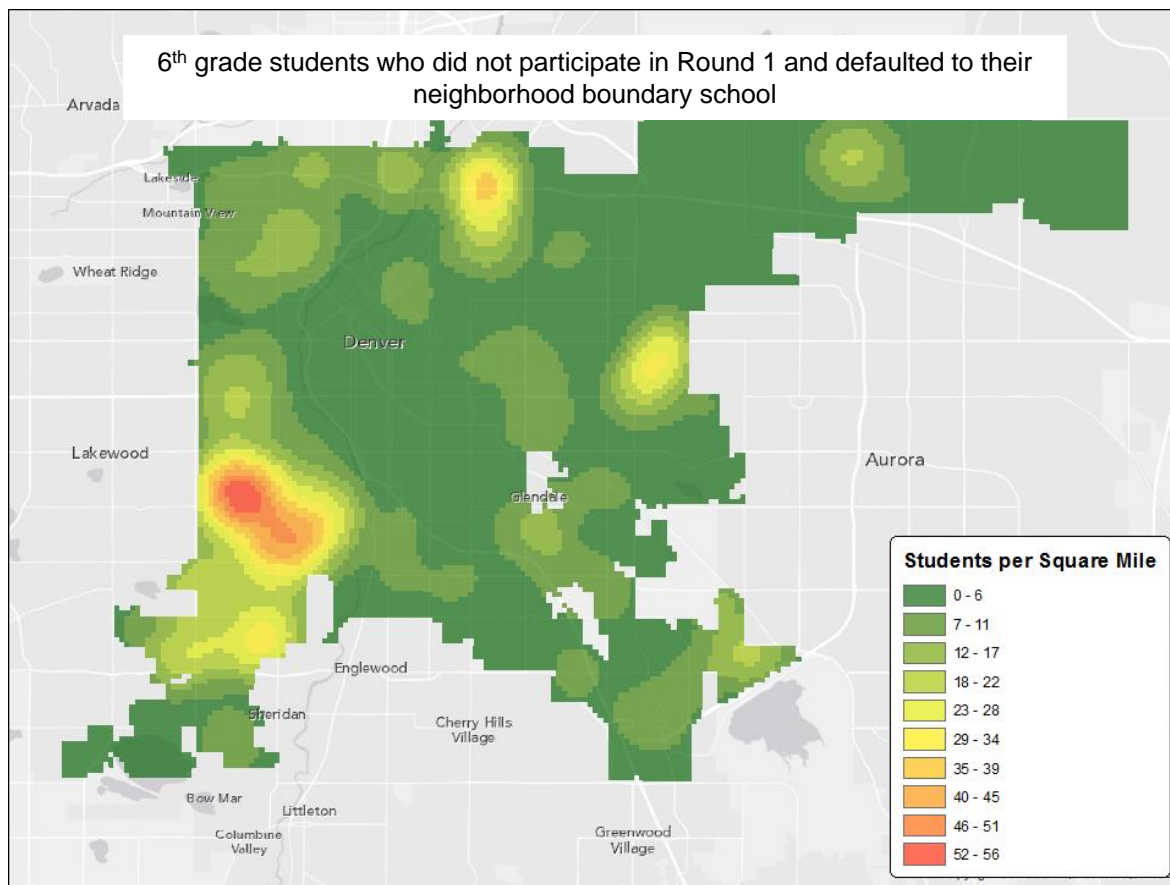
2014 Non-Participants: Kinder

Top 10 Kinder Programs with the Highest Percent of Non-participant Boundary Assignments

School Name	% of Round 1 assignments who were non-participants
Trevista (K-8)	65%
Columbine Elementary	64%
Barrett Elementary	64%
Smith Renaissance	62%
Fairview Elementary	61%
Cole Arts and Science	61%
Colfax Elementary	59%
CMS Community School	53%
Cheltenham Elementary	50%
Goldrick Elementary	43%

- Kinder non-participation rates are difficult to determine, because the only way of identify incoming kinder students is if they are currently enrolled in an ECE program in DPS.
- Enrollment is an ongoing process and it is likely that additional kinder students who did not participate in the SchoolChoice process who were not enrolled in an ECE program who will continue to show up.
- When looking at the schools with the lowest participation rate, many of them are lower performing schools.

2014 Non-Participants: 6th Grade



Race/Ethnicity	% Race/Ethnicity	% FRL*
Hispanic	68%	88%
Black (Not Hispanic)	11%	93%
White, not Hispanic	14%	47%
Asian	2%	57%
Multiple races	3%	70%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2%	73%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%	67%
Grand Total	100%	81%

*FRL qualification is based on non-participants who were identified in 2013 October Count. Students enrolled after October 1st, 2013 are not included.

- 81% of the 6th grade population who did not participate in Round 1 qualify for free and reduced lunch, roughly 9%-points higher than the general student population.
- Similar to kindergarten, the highest concentration of non-participation is in SW Denver, followed by NNE Denver.

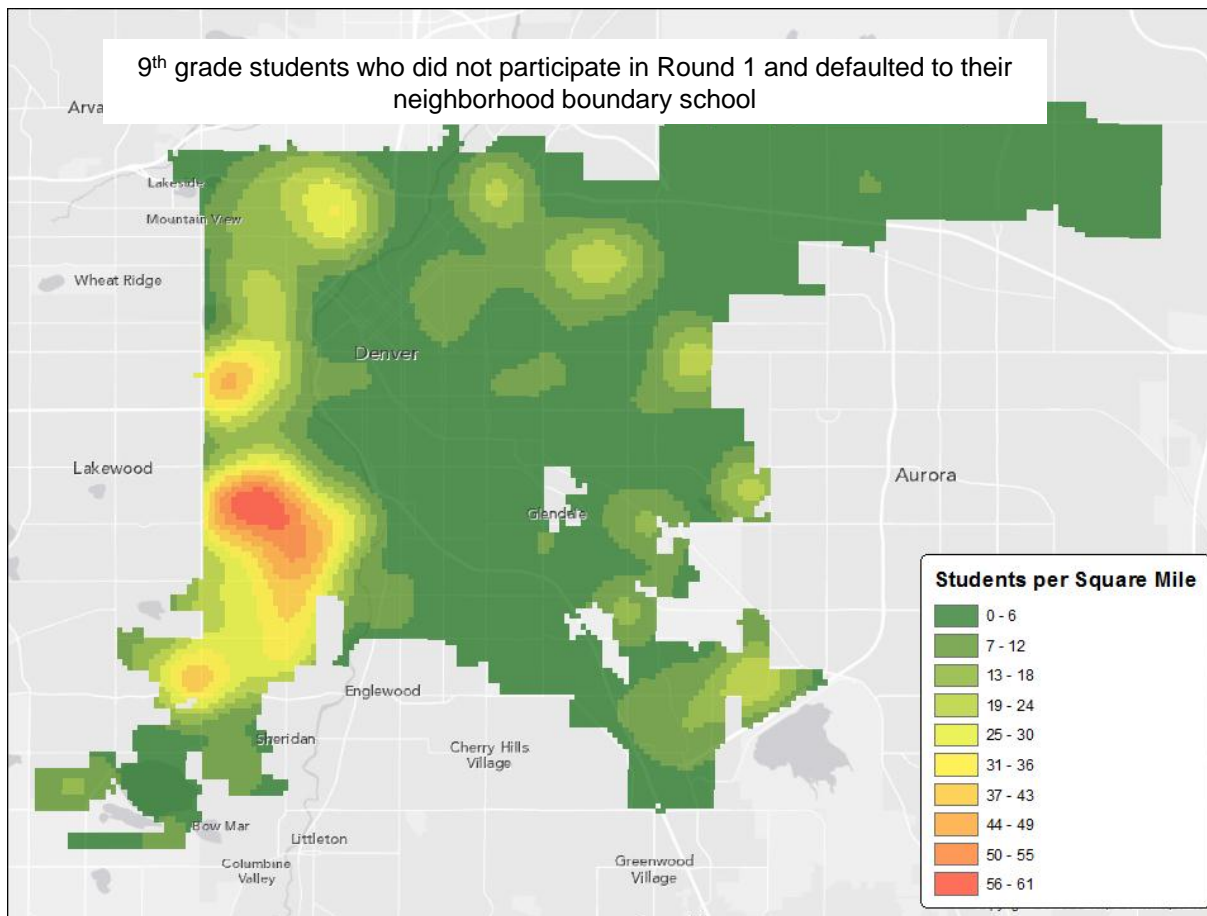
2014 Non-Participants: 6th Grade

Non-participant Boundary Assignments for 6th Grade

School Name	% of Round 1 assignments who were non-participants	% of non-participants who are FRL qualified*	% FRL School Total
Trevista (K-8)	67%	88%	95%
Bruce Randolph MS (6-12)	63%	92%	97%
Kepner MS	60%	91%	97%
Henry World School	47%	84%	84%
Place Bridge Academy (K-8)	45%	80%	95%
Grant Beacon MS	44%	85%	87%
Hill MS	38%	69%	55%
Skinner MS	33%	82%	82%
Hamilton MS	29%	74%	53%
Denver Green School (K-8)	25%	50%	58%
Merrill MS	21%	58%	76%
Grant Ranch (K-8)	20%	100%	56%
Whittier Elementary (K-8)	17%	100%	89%
Morey MS	14%	47%	48%

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2014 Non-Participants: 9th Grade



Race/Ethnicity	% Race/ Ethnicity	% FRL*
Hispanic	67%	85%
Black (Not Hispanic)	12%	86%
White, not Hispanic	13%	40%
Asian	4%	79%
Multiple races	2%	62%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	85%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1%	57%
Grand Total	100%	78%

*FRL qualification is based on non-participants who were identified in 2013 October Count. Students enrolled after October 1st, 2013 are not included.

- The FRL % of non-participants is 5%-points higher than the general student population.
- SW Denver has by far the highest non-participation rate in the city, though North HS has the highest % of students assigned to their school that were non-participants

2014 Non-Participants: 9th Grade

Non-participant Boundary Assignments for 9th Grade

School Name	% of Round 1 assignments who were non-participants	% of non-participants who are FRL qualified	% FRL School Total
North HS	74%	87%	89%
Manual HS	64%	80%	80%
John F. Kennedy HS	57%	71%	72%
Abraham Lincoln HS	52%	88%	95%
Thomas Jefferson HS	34%	64%	56%
George Washington HS	29%	74%	54%
East HS	11%	62%	36%
South HS	9%	65%	72%

*FRL qualification is based on non-participants who were identified in 2013 October Count. Students enrolled after October 1st, 2013 are not included.

2014 Round 1 Results

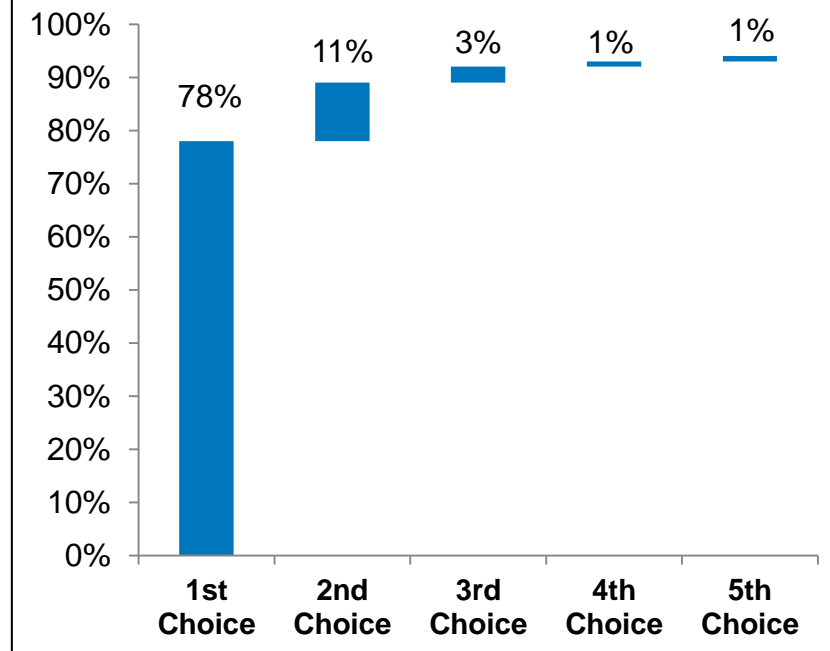
SchoolChoice Assignment Summary : Denver Applicants in Transition Grade Levels

Grade Level	Preference Selections				
	1st	1st or 2nd	1st-3rd	1st-4th	1st-5th
Kinder	80%	88%	91%	92%	93%
6th	76%	87%	92%	93%	94%
9th	81%	92%	95%	95%	95%
Total	78%	89%	92%	93%	94%

SchoolChoice Assignment Summary : Denver Applicants in All Grade Levels

Grade Level	Preference Selections				
	1st	1st or 2nd	1st-3rd	1st-4th	1st-5th
EC	71%	79%	83%	85%	86%
Kinder	80%	88%	91%	92%	93%
1st-5th	55%	66%	71%	73%	74%
6th	76%	87%	92%	93%	94%
7th-8th	45%	55%	60%	63%	64%
9th	81%	92%	95%	95%	95%
10th-12th	59%	70%	74%	76%	77%
K-12 Total	73%	83%	87%	88%	89%
EC-12 Total	72%	82%	86%	88%	89%

Round 1 Assignments for Transition Grade Levels



- 94% of Denver participants in transition grade levels were assigned to one of their preferred schools.
- 95% of 9th grade Denver participants were assigned to one of their top three schools.
- Overall 89% of Denver participants in EC-12 were assigned to one of their preferred schools.

2014 Round 1 Results: Year Over Year Comparison

2013 SchoolChoice Assignments for Denver Applicants

Grade Level	Preference Selections				
	1st	1st or 2nd	1st-3rd	1st-4th	1st-5th
Kinder	80%	89%	92%	94%	95%
6th	78%	90%	94%	95%	95%
9th	80%	91%	94%	95%	96%
Total	80%	90%	93%	94%	95%

2014 SchoolChoice Assignments for Denver Applicants

Grade Level	Preference Selections				
	1st	1st or 2nd	1st-3rd	1st-4th	1st-5th
Kinder	80%	88%	91%	92%	93%
6th	76%	87%	92%	93%	94%
9th	81%	92%	95%	95%	95%
Total	78%	89%	92%	93%	94%

2014 SchoolChoice Assignments Compared to 2013

Grade Level	Preference Selections				
	1st	1st or 2nd	1st-3rd	1st-4th	1st-5th
Kinder	-0.8%	-0.7%	-1.0%	-1.3%	-1.2%
6th	-2.3%	-3.2%	-2.1%	-1.6%	-1.2%
9th	0.6%	0.6%	0.1%	-0.3%	-0.2%
Total	-1.0%	-1.2%	-1.1%	-1.1%	-0.9%

- Overall there was a slight decrease in the percent of Denver applicants who were assigned to one of their five choices.
- There was an increase in the number of 6th grade applicants who received one of their preferred schools.

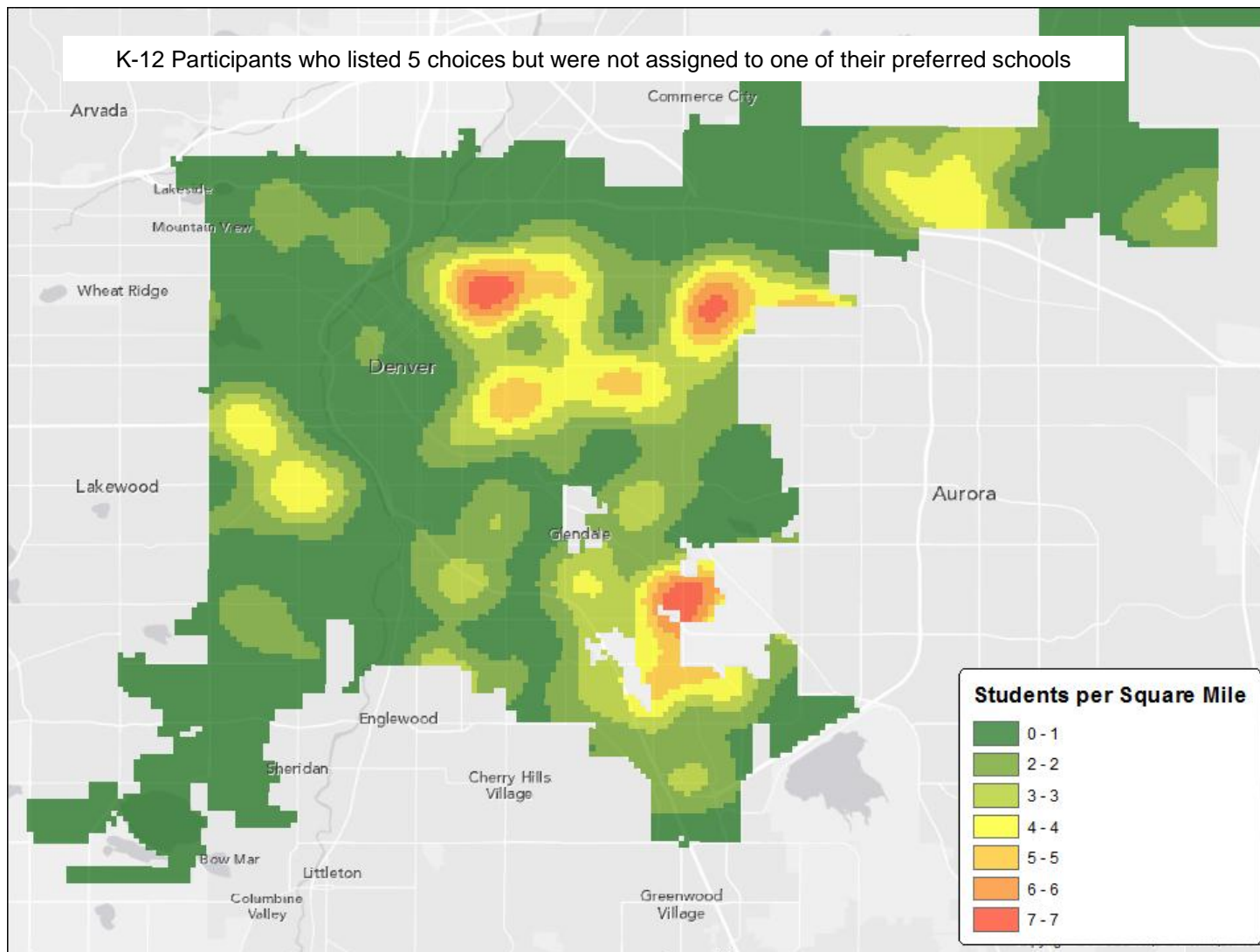
Results: Participants who did not receive one of their preferred schools

Only 23 Denver participants in transition grades who made five choice selections did not receive one of their preferred schools, out of more than 14,000 participants at these grades (less than 1/10 of 1%)

Grade	2013 Unassigned	% of Total	2014 Unassigned	% of Total	Difference
EC	230	5%	117	3%	-2%
Kinder	8	<1%	69	1%	1%
1st-5th	49	2%	43	2%	0%
6th	12	<1%	14	<1%	0%
7th-8th	2	<1%	14	2%	2%
9th	3	<1	3	<1%	0%
10th-12th	0	0%	4	1%	1%
K-12 Total	74	0%	147	1%	0%
EC-12 Total	304	1%	264	1%	0%

Race/Ethnicity	% Race/ Ethnicity
White, not Hispanic	46%
Hispanic	30%
Black (Not Hispanic)	11%
Multiple races	7%
Asian	6%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%
Grand Total	100%

Results: Participants who did not receive one of their preferred schools



School Demand: ECE

Top 10 Requested Programs for 2014-2015:

School Name	Number of students who listed each school as their 1st preference	2014 Rank	2013 Rank
Stephen Knight Center for Early Ed	239	1	1
Escalante-Biggs Academy	227	2	3
Swigert International School	195	3	2
Academia Ana Marie Sandoval	188	4	4
Pascual LeDoux Academy	178	5	17
Westerly Creek Elementary	140	6	5
Green Valley Ranch	135	7	8
Rocky Mountain Prep	126	8	13
William (Bill) R. Roberts	119	9	10
Lincoln Elementary	119	9	9

ECE programs that were the hardest for non-boundary applicants to get into:

School Name	Total Number of Seats Offered	Number of seats available to non-boundary applicants	Number of students waitlisted
Carson Elementary School	20	0	65
Edison Elementary School	28	0	39
Pioneer Charter School	0	0	17
Steck Elementary School	18	1	77
Westerly Creek Elementary	75	5	255
Denver Green School	14	1	43
William (Bill) R. Roberts School	73	6	243
Florida Pitt-Waller ECE-8 School	61	3	121
Isabella Bird Community School	38	2	46
McGlone Elementary School	40	2	35

School Demand: Kinder

Top 10 Requested Programs for 2014-2015:

School Name	Number of students who listed each school as their 1st preference	2014 Rank	2013 Rank
Escalante-Biggs Academy	191	1	3
Swigert International	169	2	1
Polaris at Ebert	126	3	5
Denver Language School	117	4	4
Green Valley Ranch	112	5	17
Brown International Academy	105	6	29
Stephen Knight Center for Early Ed	101	7	8
McGlone Elementary	100	8	21
Slavens Elementary	98	9	7
Westerly Creek Elementary	90	10	14

Kindergarten programs that were the hardest for non-boundary applicants to get into:

School Name	Total Number of Seats Offered	Number of seats available to non-boundary applicants	Number of students waitlisted
Swigert International School	81	0	150
Force Elementary School	75	0	21
Southmoor Elementary School	44	0	42
Steck Elementary School	41	1	100
Carson Elementary School	50	2	103
Lowry Elementary	67	1	39
Slavens Elementary School	59	3	104
Isabella Bird Community School	72	2	46
Bromwell Elementary School	30	3	66
Asbury Elementary School	44	1	20

School Demand: 6th Grade

Top 10 Requested Programs for 2014-2015:

School Name	Number of students who listed each school as their 1st preference	2014 Rank	2013 Rank
McAuliffe International School	350	1	2
DSST: Green Valley Ranch MS	287	2	1
DSST: Stapleton MS	251	3	6
Denver School of Arts MS	220	4	3
STRIVE Prep - Westwood	204	5	5
Hamilton Middle School	194	6	4
DSST: College View MS	169	7	21
Skinner Middle School	154	8	12
DCIS MS	151	9	9
Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy MS	143	10	16

6th Grade programs that were the hardest for non-boundary applicants to get into:

School Name	Total Number of Seats Offered	Number of seats available to non-boundary applicants	Number of students waitlisted
Denver Language School	0	0	12
Bryant Webster Dual Language (K-8)	0	0	6
Marie L Greenwood Academy (K-8)	77	0	35
Bruce Randolph Middle School (6-12)	156	0	25
Denver Green School (K-8)	8	0	29
DSST: Green Valley Ranch MS	158	1	194
Odyssey Charter School (K-8)	1	1	39
Highline Academy (K-8)	2	2	48
Place Bridge Academy (K-8)	11	1	16
STRIVE Prep – GVR	130	7	88

School Demand: 9th Grade

Top 10 Requested Programs for 2014-2015:

School Name	Number of students who listed each school as their 1st preference	2014 Rank	2013 Rank
East High School	715	1	1
South High School	290	2	2
George Washington High School	242	3	7
STRIVE Prep - SMART Academy	235	4	10
Thomas Jefferson High School	216	5	4
CEC Middle College of Denver	214	6	5
DSST: Green Valley Ranch HS	204	7	3
Abraham Lincoln High School	170	8	7
Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College HS	168	9	9
John F. Kennedy High School	134	10	6

9th Grade programs that were the hardest for non-boundary applicants to get into:

School Name	Total Number of Seats Offered	Number of seats available to non-boundary applicants	Number of students waitlisted
Escuela Tlatelolco (6-12)	0	0	2
DSST: Green Valley Ranch HS	14	2	222
DCIS at Montbello HS (6-12)	68	1	34
North High School	304	3	48
Noel Community Arts HS (6-12)	30	1	8
DSST: Stapleton HS	37	37	151
Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College HS (6-12)	204	5	9
DCIS HS (6-12)	32	32	52
CEC Middle College of Denver	130	130	111
STRIVE Prep - SMART Academy	150	150	96

Appendix: Participants who did not receive one of their preferred schools

Denver participants who made at least one valid selection and did not receive one of their preferred schools

Grade	2013 Unassigned	% of Total	2014 Unassigned	% of Total	Difference
EC	917	19%	619	14%	-5%
Kinder	53	1%	198	4%	3%
1st-5th	399	17%	629	26%	9%
6th	123	3%	149	3%	0%
7th-8th	127	18%	280	36%	17%
9th	105	3%	92	3%	0%
10th-12th	48	13%	119	23%	11%
K-12 Total	855	5%	1467	9%	4%
EC-12 Total	1772	8%	2086	10%	2%

Race/Ethnicity	% Race/ Ethnicity	% FRL*
Hispanic	40%	52%
White, not Hispanic	38%	16%
Black (Not Hispanic)	11%	50%
Multiple races	5%	32%
Asian	4%	29%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0%	44%
Grand Total	100%	36%

- 36% of the population of students who listed at least 1 school on the choice form and did not receive one of their preferences qualify for free and reduced lunch.
- 21% qualify for free and reduced lunch and are Hispanic.

Appendix: Participants who did not receive one of their preferred schools

