

Visiting at Morey



What time and to what room should I bring my child?

Bring your child to the conference room at 8:45 a.m. S/he will be greeted by Karen Duell or a parent volunteer and your child will be matched with the student with whom they will visit during the day.

What time and in what room should I pick up my child?

Pick up your child outside Karen Duell's office, Room 102 at 2:00 p.m.

Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

You can either speak to the parent with whom you have been matched or Karen Duell. We would also recommend looking at the FAQ's on our website.



Commonly Asked Questions

How do I schedule an appointment to have my child visit at Morey?

We would prefer that you complete the on-line request and hit the "send" button as we are trying to streamline this process. If this does not work for you, you can send the form by fax to 720-424-0727 or call Karen Duell at 720-424-0737.

How far in advance should I schedule the visit to Morey?

We would request that you do so at least two weeks in advance. Oftentimes, we are booked three weeks in advance. The reason for the time lag is that we would like time to identify present Morey parent volunteers with whom to link you and to allow us to meet any other requests you have, such as shadowing with a particular student or a student from a particular school.

How quickly will I know the date my child is scheduled for a visit?

It is our goal to let you know within a week. A parent will contact you initially by email. At that time, we hope to be able to identify a present parent with whom you can follow up by phone and ask questions and dialogue.

Can my child visit more than one of the programs, for example both High Strides and Highly Gifted and Talented?

Yes. Morey is fortunate to be a center for many wonderful programs Denver Public Schools has to offer. The three largest programs, each of relatively equal size of about 250 students, are: Highly Gifted and Talented (HGT), High Strides or pre-AP, and AVID/Traditional. Due to scheduling conflicts, your child may shadow as many of these as s/he likes but would have to do so on different visits.

Does my child need to take any test before visiting any of the programs?

No, but if your child is interested in attending Morey's HGT program, s/he will need to take a test administered by Denver Public Schools (normally given in December or January) and qualify before s/he can enroll. The application for testing is online and is due to the GT Department by November 3, 2008. If your child has not previously been identified as HGT, we recommend you contact DPS's Gifted and Talented Education Department at 1330 Fox Street, Denver, CO 80204. Its telephone number is 720-423-8272. See <http://gt.dpsk12.org/> for more details



Who will meet with me and my child on the day we visit?

Karen Duell, Morey's parent liaison, and/or a present Morey parent will greet you and be available to answer questions you may have. Of course, a student in the grade and program in which your child is interested will also be there

Where should I park for an hour or two when coming to visit?

There is plenty of parking available in the city streets surrounding Morey. The easiest place to park is on 14th Avenue on the north side of the school, which is currently a 30-minute zone. Since you will be arriving about 1/2 hour or so after school begins, the crunch for spots will be less. If you plan on staying longer than 30-minutes, please do not park on 14th as you may get ticketed. If you find parking space in any of Morey's three parking lots off of Emerson St., you may also park in one of those spots.

What days of the week may my child visit? Is one better than the others?

Visiting appointments are on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only. We think your child will have the most rewarding experience if the appointment is made for a Monday since s/he will be able to see all the teachers and subjects, whereas on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, due to the block scheduling, s/he would only see half of the core classes (though most of the electives).

Is there an open house for prospective families?

Yes. There will be an open house or two scheduled. The dates have not been identified yet.

How can I meet parents whose children presently attend Morey so I can get another parent's perspective?

We are fortunate at Morey to have an involved body of parents. Our plan is to immediately match you and a parent volunteer so you can dialogue with him/her both before the shadow and afterwards.

What should my child bring with him/her to their visiting day?

Your child should bring a pencil, paper, and a book or something else to keep them busy in case a class they are attending that day is having a test.

Should my child bring lunch or lunch money?

Yes or your student may bring a sack lunch. Except for first and last periods, your child will be shadowing a present student in every period, including lunch. We encourage sack lunches as it makes it easier for your student since they are not used to the lunch purchasing procedure at Morey.

Can my child request a particular sixth grader or two to visit?

Absolutely! Doing so makes the experience much more rewarding and fun for your child. The request form asks that you identify who that student(s) is and we will attempt to accommodate that request. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your request, but we will try hard to do so. The request needs to be a student in the same grade level and in the same program as your child is planning to attend next year.

Are there any rules about clothing that my child should be aware of when s/he comes to shadow?

Yes. While there are no uniforms or standard clothing expected of our students, we do not allow hats, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, "flip-flops" or the like. Also, no gum please. Please ask your student to dress appropriately.