

Riverview Elementary

Class placement 2010-2011

Parents frequently ask at this time of year how students are assigned to classes for the following year. There are numerous steps in the process with the goal being that each student is placed in a classroom with a teacher that can best meet the learning style and academic needs of the student. Also considered is the social element, which would include seeing that students who do not work well together are not placed in the same classroom.

Since the present classroom teachers best know the academic needs and learning styles of the students that they currently have, I have asked those teachers to complete a detailed report on each student. A multilayered series of intricate steps follow, which include checking for good homogeneous mixes, equitable distribution of differing student talents, Title 1 services, special education services, matching proper programming and consideration of OASIS candidates.

I will ask the staff to review tentative class lists numerous times to ensure that all are well mixed in ability and gender. As you can see there is a tremendous amount of energy that goes into creating the best classroom placements for ALL students. In order to retain the integrity of this class placement process, individual students will not be moved from an assigned class.

I will consider parent information that I receive in writing prior to **April 30, 2010**. Valid issues that a parent may want to express are those that deal with a social issue that we may not be aware of (i.e. a neighborhood problem). *Parent information requesting children to be together because they are good friends or a teacher assigned because all of the siblings had that teacher are issues that cannot be honored.* These placements may happen by chance, but I do not believe that the integrity of the entire classroom placement process needs to be altered for these situations.

In keeping with Riverview tradition, class lists will be posted on the outside doors in August (date to follow).

I believe that we have an outstanding staff and that creating classrooms to meet everyone's needs is a key to the success of our students.

Brenda J. Harriss

Principal ☺

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