



Windermere School

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Dear Windermere Parents/Guardians,

This letter provides you with information regarding class placements for the coming school year. The process for determining class placements is thoughtful and deliberate. It involves your child's current teacher, administrators, grade level specialists, and when appropriate, other teachers and members of the student support staff. Among the factors considered in determining team placements are: group dynamics, academics, social strengths and needs, number of students per team, gender, and retentions.

Please remember the practice for student placement into classes from last year - **Student class placements will no longer be noted on their final report cards distributed the last day of school.** All three elementary schools will follow the protocol outlined on page 7 in the *2018-19 Parent/Student Handbook* distributed to families during the first weeks of school:

Class Placements *Class placements will be mailed to families the first week in August. This allows students to celebrate the end of the current school year with their teacher and friends.*

Specific requests for individual teachers or teams cannot be honored and we thank you for your understanding in this matter. However, parent input may be offered, via a letter regarding your child's optimal learning environment. Letters/emails should be received by April 22, 2019, since we aim to complete the placement planning by June 2019. Once placements have been made we cannot change class configurations since it could invariably disrupt the entire grade level. We appreciate your understanding, in advance.

Please know that placing students in a class is a careful, comprehensive, and collaborative procedure. We request that you rely on the expertise and judgment of our school staff to place your child in an educational setting that will provide optimal learning and growth.

Thank you for your attention and continued support with this process.

Sincerely,

David A. Welch
Principal