

GWA Teacher Request/Student Placement K-5 Procedure

Student placement is taken seriously and is initiated according to a process involving time and careful thought concerning the best interest of every child in each classroom. In order to create balanced classes of students, the following factors are considered: skill levels, student needs, gender, ethnicity, behavior concerns, and special program needs. Too many requests for specific teachers or being placed with 'friends' creates unbalanced classrooms and an undue burden on our teachers. Therefore, please consider carefully before making a written request, whether it is a real 'need' versus a 'want.'

Please note that the final decision on all student placements rests with the administration. GWA only accepts requests for students that will be enrolled in Kindergarten-5th grade classes for the upcoming year. It does not matter which teacher your child is assigned to, as every student receives the additional time and support needed to learn at high levels and this support usually happens among all teachers throughout the year during Patriot Time.

REQUESTS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED INCLUDE:

- Issues relating to learning disabilities (testing from a psychologist and/or doctor diagnosis required and test results on file in the student's permanent record).
- Issues relating to medical need or physical impairment. (Documentation required in health room records).
- Emotional issues which dramatically impact the learning environment.
- Parents of multiples (twins, triplets, etc.) may submit requests to have their children together in the same class.

In order for requests to be considered, please submit an email to Mr. Clark at bclark@gwacademy.org by March 13, 2019.