

Tahoma School District Elementary Student Placement Information and Parent Input 2024-2025



In terms of academic and personal growth, we recognize how important the classroom experience is for each student. As such, we engage in a careful and extensive process to ensure we develop class rosters that **balance** the needs for all students in a classroom environment where they can thrive. The considerations when balancing classroom include the following:

- ratio of boys to girls
- levels of academic achievement
- work habits of students
- social dynamics of the class
- participation of students in special programs
- placing students with at least one student from their current class.

While we will not be able to accept requests for specific teachers by name or by gender, we recognize that you may have pertinent information about your child that can be helpful during our placement process. Examples of information that we find helpful from parents/guardians include, "Please separate my twins," or "Please don't place my daughter 'Linda' in the same class as 'Mary Jones' as we are neighbors and the girls are together all the time outside of school." It is also helpful for parents/guardians to share information about prior personal experience involving a family or a staff member that may cause you to believe your child would not be successful in a particular setting. These instances are rare, but we do recognize that it happens occasionally.



Examples of the majority of comments received in the past are, "We want our child challenged," "We want our child in a structured classroom," or "Our child needs a nurturing environment." As a staff we agree with these comments, and believe that it is each teacher's responsibility to provide a nurturing, challenging, safe environment for every student. If you choose to provide specific information, the current teacher may not be aware of, please do so in the space below. Please be assured that each child (whether a Parent Input Form is submitted or not) will receive the same careful consideration in the placement process.

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Child's Name _____ Your Name _____

Current Teacher _____ Current Grade _____

Comments: _____

***Forms must be returned to the Rock Creek office by April 29, 2024
(hard copy or email to rcoffice@tahomasd.us)***