

GILHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOMEROOM PLACEMENT POLICY

Each spring parents and teachers begin discussions regarding classroom placement of students for the next school year.

Some parents often wish to indicate to the school how they feel their child learns best. It is not necessary for parents to observe classrooms during a specific time in order to complete and submit a Student Placement Information Form. If you desire to give input regarding the educational setting for your child, such input must be submitted in writing on a Student Placement Information Form to the office **prior to the last Friday in April**. Forms received after that date will be date stamped and considered as best we can. Forms are available to parents in the main office beginning the first Monday in April.

We appreciate parents' input regarding the educational setting for their child. However, as a staff we will not accept parental requests that name a particular teacher. Identification of a specific teacher has caused staff, parents, and children concerns and made the placement process increasingly difficult. The principal will review each grade level list in collaboration with the teaching team.

It is the responsibility of the teaching staff to place each child in the very best learning situation possible. To provide the most appropriate educational setting for each student and to make the most of parental information shared throughout the year, the following criteria will be used:

1. learning styles
2. gender
3. skill level
4. class size
5. distribution of abilities
6. combinations of children
7. written parental input
8. collaboration among teachers
9. confidential information shared with the principal only

PLEASE NOTE: **Class lists will be posted at 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the first day of school.**