

# Dayton Avenue School

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May 5, 2025

Dear Dayton Avenue Families:

We are beginning the process of classroom/student placement for the 2024-2025 school year. Student placement is made with careful consideration, incorporating input from classroom teachers and support staff who work with your child. As we go through this process, one of our main goals is to structure our classes heterogeneously. This includes a number of variables to ensure that each section is balanced. Factors that contribute to planning are:

- The learning styles of individual students
- Recommendations from the current grade-level team and support staff
- The proportion of boys and girls
- An academic and social balance reflective of the entire grade level

No one person or factor determines the class placement of your child. Our team approach relies on the input and expertise of a variety of stakeholders who have regular contact with your child. Some of these staff members include the classroom teacher, reading specialist, psychologist/social worker, speech therapist, special area teachers and nurse.

We have confidence in our approach to classroom placement and your perspective is an important part of that method. **Although, we cannot accept requests for specific teachers**, we believe that it is very important for you to provide information pertinent to your child's academic and social/emotional profile to support our team throughout the class placement procedure.

To assist this effort, your input is requested to help us with placement. Please complete the attached Google Form by May 16, 2024. **All pertinent information regarding your child's academic and social/emotional needs must be completed through the Google Form.** Please do not make requests through your child's current teacher. You will need to complete a form for each child you have in the school.

[Parent Placement Information Form 2025-2026](#)

We appreciate your collaboration and cooperation in the class assignment process. Completion of this form does not secure specific teacher placement. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at (631) 801- 3085.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shelly', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Dr. Watkis  
Principal

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