

**DIAMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**STUDENT PROFILE**  
**2016-2017**

**Action Due: May 2, 2016**

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

With the end of the current school year quickly approaching, thoughts turn to the placement of students in classes for the next school year. Your child's current teacher will advocate all she/he knows about your child's individual needs and capabilities for the placement decision, as we complete a thorough articulation process for each and every student. Parental input is also valued in the decision making process and the attached form can be used to provide the school with such information. In addition, this optional input form will be passed on to your child's new teacher in the fall. This optional input form should not be used to make a specific teacher request. (teacher requests will not be honored).

The process for composing classes for the upcoming year is a task that we take very seriously through careful and thoughtful consideration as we all want the best for all of the children at Diamond. It is important to ensure a productive classroom learning environment for your child as well as for all children at Diamond. The Diamond staff wants you to know that we are committed to providing classrooms in which each child will have the opportunity for learning and personal growth.

When making class placements we consider the following variables as we aim towards creating a well-balanced, productive learning environment for all students:

- Relationships among individual children
- Compatibility between the individual child's learning styles/needs and the classroom environment.
- Heterogeneous placements of student's academic achievement levels
- A balance in terms of gender, ethnicity, and race
- The varying degrees of adult assistance needed by children for successful learning

Your child's teacher knows how your child works and learns in a classroom. As parents, you know your child best as an individual. We value your insights regarding your child's learning style and social needs. Your insight and input can be recorded on the attached form by answering the questions found on this form.

**It should be noted that this form is not to be used for specific teacher requests.** Such requests will not be honored. Diamond Elementary values parental input and precludes specific teacher request in our process for class placement. This optional form is a way of offering opportunity for those of you who wish to provide parental input. Further confidential concerns may be addressed in writing to the principal, Mr. Daniel Walder via email: [Daniel\\_Walder@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Daniel_Walder@mcpsmd.org).

We expect that parents will trust and respect the judgment of the staff in making placement decisions. We appreciate your support in our efforts to best serve the instructional needs of your child. Diamond Elementary staff members work together to draft initial groupings and class lists in June, but these are not finalized until late in the summer when we have the most up-to-date enrollment information. You and your child will be notified by August 25<sup>th</sup> of the placement decisions and class lists will be posted on Friday, August 26, 2016.

Please return the profile form to your child's teacher as soon as possible and **no later than May 2, 2016**. Thank you for your assistance and understanding with this very important process.

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**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Level Fall 2016:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your child's learning strengths?

What are your child's learning challenges/needs?

How does your child best demonstrate understanding and knowledge? (for example: by writing, through oral discussion, auditory/visual, via projects, art, hands-on, etc.)

Describe your child's social/emotional strengths and/or needs?

Health or behavior issues that affect your child's learning.

What is an important variable for your child when determining class placement? (For example: separate from another student, a match between learning style and teaching style, high/low structure, class climate, etc.)

Please use the space below to provide us with any additional information that you believe would be helpful for your child's teacher to know about your child for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Please return this form no later than May 2, 2016 to Diamond Elementary School.**

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