



Gibson Elementary School

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PARENT REQUESTS FOR CLASSROOM PLACEMENT 2018-2019

Next year's class organization will include both single grade and combined grade classes. Research indicates that both single grade and combined grade classes provide a positive learning environment for children.

Class organization is determined by the number of teachers allocated, the number of students at each grade level, as well as the restored class size limits for 2018-2019.

The number of staff members assigned to Gibson is determined by the Delta School District. This number is based on the number of students projected to be in the school in April 2018.

The goal of school organization at the class level is two-fold:

- to create balanced classes based on gender, intellectual development and social emotional development;
- to place your child in a classroom in which she/he will flourish academically and socially. Peer relationships and support networks are taken into consideration. Friendships are not a primary consideration in determining placement;
- to accommodate new registrants

Parents may choose to share information to help with the placement of their child. This information should **NOT** include a request for placement with a particular teacher, but rather **personal and/or educational information** that will assist with the placement of your child. Requesting a style of teaching is appropriate. We will have a shuffle of teaching assignments due to retirements and other pending circumstances that will influence staffing; thus our staffing assignments may not be finalized until late spring/early summer.

Reorganization in September is always a possibility. Children may leave or enter the school at different grade levels over the summer. We would like to ideally be able to place students in their classes within the first week of September. You can assist us in our planning by:

1- informing us as soon as possible if you plan to move during the summer and your children will not be attending Gibson (inform the office in person or e-mail our secretary at lshields@deltasd.bc.ca)

2 -encouraging newcomers to our community to register at the school as soon as possible.

If you choose to provide the school with input for placement, please do so in writing to Mr. Zerbe by May 11th, 2018. Please also 'cc' your child's current teacher for optimal planning purposes.

Although **no request is guaranteed**, educational requests will be considered in combination with the above factors.

Requests after May 11th cannot be honoured.