

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Board Policy

BP 6152

Instruction

CLASS ASSIGNMENT

The Governing Board believes students should be assigned to classes and/or grouped in a manner that provides the most effective learning environment for all students.

When assigning students to specific classes, the principal or designee may consider the following criteria:

1. Staff recommendation, including, but not limited to, the recommendations of teachers and counselors
2. Gender and ethnic balance
3. Skills and classroom management style of individual teachers
4. Student skill level as indicated by achievement and testing data

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

5. Balance of high, medium, and low academic achievers
6. Student interests, readiness, behavior, and motivation
7. Student/teacher ratios and, if relevant, class size reduction considerations

(cf. 6151 - Class Size)

The principal or designee may accept from parents/guardians any information which would be helpful in making placement decisions. However, a parent/guardian who provides such information shall be informed that a request for a specific teacher shall be one of many factors which may be taken into account when determining his/her child's placement.

During the school year, the principal or designee may make any adjustments in class placement which he/she considers beneficial to the student or the educational program.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35020 *Duties of employees fixed by governing board*

35160 *Authority of the board*

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Elementary Makes the Grade!, 2000

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Curriculum and Instruction: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci>

National Association for the Education of Young Children: <http://www.naeyc.org>

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