

# The Academy at Nola Dunn

An Innovative Learning Community

April 13, 2017

Dear Parents,

During these last few weeks of school, we will begin the complex process of placing students for next school year. Many factors guide these decisions and our efforts will be to create well-balanced learning communities that represent the intricate needs of all students that attend our school. As you can imagine, this is no small task and one that is taken quite seriously here at The Academy at Nola Dunn.

The following criteria are considered as we place children in classrooms for next year:

- Individual student academic needs
- Programs and Services
- Social and emotional factors
- Gender balance
- Range of abilities
- Number of students per class

Please know that in this very comprehensive process, specific teacher requests (or non-requests) cannot be honored. In addition, it is important that all parents recognize that at The Academy at Nola Dunn, all grade level teachers work with all grade level students. We use this approach in order to build relationships, reteach or extend concepts, and provide an array of learning for our students. Parents are asked not to put teachers in a situation where they have to answer questions (or make statements) about their colleagues regarding their child's placement for next year.

Attached to this letter is a Planning Placement Form. The purpose of this form is to give you the opportunity to share critical information you want the school to know before we make placement for your child. If you chose to submit a form, it will be considered as the class communities are constructed. **Please know that any forms listing a specific teacher (or any individual identifying information) will not be considered for your child's placement.** Planning Placement forms will be due to the counselor no later than Friday, May 5, 2017. Forms may be delivered via e-mail or by providing a printed copy. Regardless of the way you choose to submit the form, they are to be turned in to the school counselor by 3:00p.m. the day of the deadline.

Planning Placement forms are due by the deadline of **May 5, 2017**. Late forms (as well as phone calls and/or e-mails) will not be considered as part of the placement process. Your cooperation as we place all students is appreciated to ensure we provide the best learning environment for every student in our building.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated support!

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**The Academy at Nola Dunn**  
**2017-2018 Planning Placement Form due May 5, 2017**

Child's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Current Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Academics:**

- Experiences significant academic challenges in a specific area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Problems concentrating that impacts learning
  - Experiences difficulty with organization
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Social/Emotional Behavior**

- Worries about school
  - Easily frustrated
  - Appears highly sensitive
  - Difficulty making friends
  - Experiences conflict with peers
  - Difficulty forming teacher/student relationship
  - Difficulty adjusting to change
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical**

- Vision
  - Hearing
  - Allergies
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Outside Supports Provided by Parents:**

- Tutoring
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Physical Therapy
  - Speech/Language Therapy
  - Private Counseling Services
  - Private Evaluations
- Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person submitting form \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address of person submitting the form \_\_\_\_\_

**For office use: Date Form was Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_