

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Education Center

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Dear Parents of Elementary School Students:

The Fairfield Public Schools are proud to provide a high quality education for all students. The goal of the school system is to enable all students to reach their highest potential as learners and to develop into responsible citizens.

In Connecticut, efforts are being made to ensure that all students have an equitable opportunity for an excellent education. This includes maintaining relative racial balance among similar schools within each school district. To this end, the Connecticut State Board of Education has identified McKinley Elementary School as being racially imbalanced relative to the other elementary schools in Fairfield according to Section 10-266e of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Therefore, the Fairfield Board of Education has developed a plan to bring about greater racial balance among the elementary schools. The Connecticut State Board of Education approved this plan on October 3, 2007. In addition, at a meeting held on April 8, 2008, the Board of Education finalized the plan to allow voluntary transfers.

The plan includes providing voluntary choice for students from other elementary schools in the district to request a transfer to McKinley Elementary School with transportation provided. **All elementary school students have the choice to attend McKinley Elementary School in grades K, 2, 4, and 5 for the 2010-2011 school year.** According to the plan, choice will continue to be offered in future school years as well. Younger siblings, including those who are not yet school age, can be included in this transfer should you desire to include them. Priority will be given to those students who achieved proficiency on the CMT in reading or achieved at a high level on district assessments in reading and/or students who have not qualified for free or reduced lunch from other Fairfield elementary schools. In the event that more students request a transfer than McKinley can accommodate according to recommended class size guidelines, a lottery for the available spaces will be held.

If you would like to learn more about McKinley Elementary School, you can attend an Open House on Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The Open House will be followed with a time for questions and answers. Attached, we have provided a flyer and a brochure. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Director of Elementary Education, at 203-255-8372.

Please consider this choice for your child/children. **If you should decide to take advantage of the offer to request a transfer, please complete the attached application form and return it to Dr. Ann Clark, Superintendent of Schools, at the address below by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 31. Parents of students who are selected for transfer will be notified of their child's placement by Tuesday, June 1.**

Sincerely,

Ann Clark

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Fairfield Public Schools
Fairfield, CT 06825
Application for Elementary Enrollment Choice

Applications are now being accepted for elementary school students whose parents wish to request alternative placement at McKinley Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year. Students applying for alternative placement must currently be enrolled as a student at one of Fairfield's elementary schools. Applications should be mailed, faxed or emailed to:

*Dr. Ann Clark, Superintendent of Schools
501 Kings Highway East - Suite 210
Fairfield, CT 06825
Fax 203 255-8245 or Email bdyer@fairfield.k12.ct.us*

by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 31, 2010. In the event that applications exceed current available openings, a lottery for placement will be conducted. Parents submitting applications will be notified of placement by Tuesday, June 1.

Student Information

Please list on the same form all siblings for whom an alternative placement is being sought.

Last Name _____	First Name _____
Date of Birth _____	Grade for 2010/2011 _____
Last Name _____	First Name _____
Date of Birth _____	Grade for 2010/2011 _____
Last Name _____	First Name _____
Date of Birth _____	Grade for 2010/2011 _____

Family Information

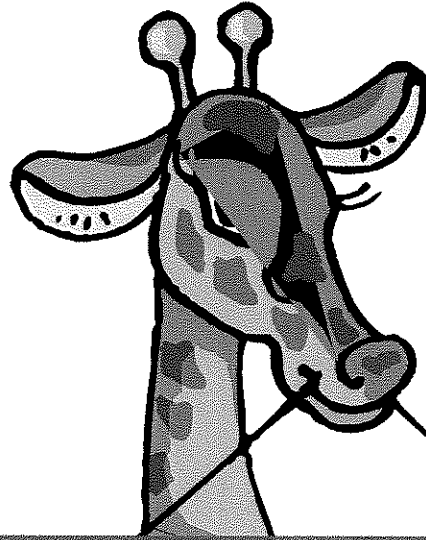
First and Last Name(s) of Parent(s) _____
Home Address _____
Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____
Work Phone Number (s) _____

Placement is being offered at McKinley Elementary School in the following grades. Students will be assigned placement according to available space in the appropriate grade.

McKinley Elementary School - Grades K, 2, 4 and 5

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian I am applying for placement of my child/children for McKinley Elementary School. I understand that the information I have provided will be checked for accuracy and that inaccurate information will disqualify the application:

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Fairfield Public Schools is offering voluntary school choice to McKinley Elementary School for all elementary school students in grades K, 2, 4 and 5

Please Join Us for
an Open House
at McKinley Elementary School
On Wednesday, February 24, 2010
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come tour the school,
meet staff, PTA members and
get answers to questions you may have.

