



Ridgeway Elementary

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Student Placement 2024-2025

Dear Ridgeway Families,

The class placement process for the 2024/25 school year will begin shortly. Our placement process ensures that thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional, and academic needs is aligned with the creation of balanced and effective learning environments. It is important that students learn to work and socialize in environments of diversity and inclusion.

Class building is a complex process that Ridgeway staff carry the skills, expertise and care to carry out in a thoughtful manner. Our goal is to build balanced and effective classrooms for all learners. Student assignment to classes is determined by a team including classroom and non-enrolling teachers, the School Based Resource Team (SBRT), and support staff and administrators.

As parents/guardians, you have a unique insight into your children. If you feel there is information about your child's educational needs, that your child's teacher or administration does not know, please complete the attached page (page 2). Please follow the instructions at the top of the page. Please submit the form by May 21, 2024, to the main office or email to ridgeway@sd44.ca with subject line: Student Placement 2024/25.

The same care, consideration and diligence will be applied in each child's placement, whether a parent input form is completed or not. Information provided by family will be used along with school information and criteria for the creation of balanced and effective classrooms that maximize growth for all learners. ***It may not be possible to align final classroom placement with family input.***

Combined Classes are the norm at Ridgeway and in NVSD. Please rest assured that combined classes provide excellent learning opportunities for students. Please see [Combined Classes - North Vancouver School District \(sd44.ca\)](http://www.sd44.ca/combined-classes) for more information about Combined Classes. Please also note that class organizations (the number and type of each grade) can change from now until September due to enrolment.

The Ridgeway Elementary School team shares your commitment to building, developing and nurturing healthy and safe learning environments. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in this complex process.

Thank you,

Jillian Gordon, Principal and Kendra Arkinstall, Vice Principal

Ridgeway 2024-2025 Parent/Guardian Input for Student Placement

SUBMIT BY May 21, 2024 to the main office or via email to ridgeway@sd44.ca, subject: **Student Placement 2024/25**

Forming balanced classes ensures optimal learning for all students. Read instructions carefully. Please:

- Complete and submit this page ONLY if you have information that the current teacher and/or principal do not have and need to know for class placement.
- Complete only the applicable lines.
- Do not make specific requests for teachers. Forms with staff names will not be accepted.
- **Rank each section in order of priority with 1 being the most important, and 4 the least important.**
- Rest assured that an accompanying letter is not necessary and will not be accepted.
- Be aware that teacher assignments are subject to change from year to year.
- Be aware that changes in enrolment can lead to organizational changes in September.
- Rest assured that we care deeply about the success of all students in our care.

Student Name: _____ **Current Grade Level:** _____

Current Teacher(s): _____

Priority Areas- Please number 1 to 4

Academic/learning needs:

Emotional needs:

Social needs:

Other areas for consideration:

Parent Name/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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