

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Education Center

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Dear Parents of Elementary School Students:

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. This plan was approved by the Connecticut State Board of Education 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 McKinley students* to request a transfer to another elementary school with transportation provided. The McKinley Elementary School choice component was offered beginning with the 2007-2008 school year and will continue again next year. Younger siblings, including those who are not school age, can be included in this transfer should you desire to include them. In addition, those students will be allowed to follow the feeder structure, for their middle and high school placements, of either McKinley Elementary School or their new school. In the event that more students request a transfer than selected schools can accommodate according to recommended class size standards, priority will be given to McKinley students not yet achieving proficiency on the CMT in reading or not achieving at a high level on district assessments in reading and/or who are qualified for free or reduced lunch. Additionally, a lottery for the available spaces will be held if necessary.

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. David Title, Superintendent of Schools, at the address below by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, June 20. Parents of students who are selected for transfer will be notified of their child's school placement by Friday, June 22.**

Sincerely yours,

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Fairfield, CT 06825

Application for Opt-Out of McKinley Elementary School

Applications are now being accepted for McKinley Elementary School students whose parents wish to request voluntary school choice for the 2012-2013 school year. Students applying for voluntary school choice must currently be enrolled as a student at McKinley Elementary School. Applications should be mailed, faxed or emailed to:

***Dr. David Title, 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, June 20, 2012. 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 Friday, June 22, 2012.

Student Information

Please list on the same form all siblings for whom an alternative placement is being sought. Siblings will be placed together in the same school. Also, please include the names of siblings not yet in school.

Last Name _____	First Name _____
Date of Birth _____	Grade for 2012/2013 _____
Last Name _____	First Name _____
Date of Birth _____	Grade for 2012/2013 _____
Last Name _____	First Name _____
Date of Birth _____	Grade for 2012/2013 _____

Family Information

First and Last Name(s) of Parent(s) _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Work Phone Number (s) _____

School Preference

Students will be assigned placement according to available space in the appropriate grade. Please place a 1 before your preferred choice. If you have a second or third choice, place a 2 or 3 before the respective choice. When you are offered any of your choices, you will be removed from all waiting lists. You are not required to make more than one choice.

_____ Burr School	_____ Dwight School
_____ Holland Hill School	_____ Jennings School
_____ Mill Hill School	_____ North Stratfield School
_____ Riverfield School	_____ Sherman School
_____ Stratfield School	_____ Osborn Hill

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian I am applying for placement of my child/children for the school(s) indicated above. I understand that the information I have provided will be checked for accuracy and that inaccurate information will disqualify the application:

Signature: _____ Date: _____