

DRIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is the time of the year when we begin to create our master schedule for the upcoming year. Using this master schedule, we create each student's schedule based on requested classes, required classes and additional support students need. At the 7th and 8th grade level there are very few choices students can make in their schedule as most classes are required. This is generally true for our 8th graders going into 9th grade as well, although they do have some choices which Mr. Wing will discuss with you in his individual meetings held in the next few months.

In the past we have often received requests from parents in regards to their child's schedule. It is growing increasingly difficult to fulfill these requests for a number of reasons. Our schedule is pretty simple. We do not have a lot of room to shuffle and move students around. Our desire to balance class sizes means that every time we move one student, we need to move another student. Students who take additional courses such as Band, Chorus, accelerated courses or support courses have very limited flexibility in their schedule. Additionally, we will be implementing some flexible scheduling next year which will involve students being on teams. As teams are set, there is no room for moving students in such a way that would cause them to be on separate teams.

With this being said, we simply cannot honor requests for particular teachers or classes during certain times of the day. Mr. Durkee and I work very hard to make sure your child has a successful year. We do our best to balance all the important aspects of creating a student's schedule. Mr. Wing will be in contact with parents over the next two months regarding course selections such as band, chorus, language and accelerated courses.

If you have concerns or questions about your child's schedule or specific information you feel should be considered, I would ask that you contact me so that we may schedule a time to meet. Any scheduling concerns should be discussed prior to March 1st as that is when we begin the final process of building student schedules.

Sincerely,

Janet O'Mara
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