

New Student Assignment Plan - Sibling Grandfathering Survey

The proposed boundaries for Seattle Public Schools New Student Assignment Plan have recently been released (see <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/index.dxml> for the plan's rules and proposed boundaries). The boundaries will be voted upon by the Seattle School Board on November 18th. **The proposed new John Rogers Elementary Attendance Area is significantly smaller than the area currently served by John Rogers. Portions of the southern boundary are proposed to become part of the Wedgwood and View Ridge attendance areas. Students residing north of 130th street are proposed to attend Olympic Hills Elementary.** The new Student Assignment Plan will be implemented in the fall of 2010, with entry-grade (kindergarten) students receiving the new assignments. Current John Rogers students will be "grandfathered" in (they may stay at John Rogers as long as the services they need are provided). John Rogers is proposed to be in the Eckstein Middle School Service Area.

In the new Student Assignment Plan, registered students will be assigned to their attendance area school. Families may apply for assignment at another attendance area school, or to an area option school, on a space-available basis, using a series of tiebreakers. For attendance area elementary schools, the tiebreakers are: Sibling, followed by Lottery. **Under the new plan, younger siblings are not guaranteed assignment to the school attended by their older sibling, unless that school is their attendance area school.**

The School Board will soon begin formulation of a Transitional Plan. In the Transitional Plan, issues such as **grandfathering of siblings** will be addressed. There has been a request for more data pertaining to the grandfathering of siblings, so that the School Board can make an informed decision on this issue. **If you live outside of the proposed John Rogers boundary, currently have a child attending John Rogers (grades K-4), and have children not yet in kindergarten, please take the time to fill out this brief survey and return it to the John Rogers PTA.** For more information about sibling grandfathering, please see, http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/faq_grandfathering.html, and www.keepourkidstogether.org.

If you have any questions regarding the new Student Assignment Plan, please contact your John Rogers Student Assignment Plan "Family Connectors:"

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Thank you!

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Please complete this survey if you currently have a child attending John Rogers in grades K-4, you live outside of the proposed John Rogers Elementary new Student Assignment Plan boundaries, AND you will have children entering kindergarten in 2010 or later. Names and contact information will be kept confidential.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Street Address*: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____ Phone _____

Name of Youngest Child Currently Attending John Rogers: _____ Grade: _____

School Year siblings will enter kindergarten (i.e., 2010-2011, 2011-2012, etc...)

Sibling #1 _____ Sibling #3 _____ Sibling #5 _____

Sibling #2 _____ Sibling #4 _____ Sibling #6 _____

**Street Address is required for attendance area clarification, if boundaries are revised.*

Please circle the best answer:

Why is your home outside of the proposed new John Rogers attendance area boundaries?

- a. We live in the current John Rogers reference area. Due to the proposed boundary change, our home will be outside of the new John Rogers attendance area.
- b. Our child was assigned to John Rogers, which is not our current reference area (neighborhood) school, because our reference area school was full.
- c. John Rogers was our opt-in choice for NCLB.
- d. We chose to enroll our child at John Rogers instead of our reference area school.
- e. Other _____

What will you do if no sibling grandfathering is available for the younger sibling(s)?

- a. Our children will attend two different elementary schools.
- b. We will try to move older children to the new attendance area school.
- c. We will move to the attendance area of the older sibling to guarantee keeping them together.
- d. We will move out of district, or transfer our children to out-of-district schools.
- e. We will enroll our children in private school.
- f. Other _____