

#### **D. Student Classroom Assignments - Multiple Birth Siblings**

Classroom assignments are made by the school principal or designee. The parent, guardian or other person having charge or custody of multiple birth siblings in grades pre-K through 6 may request that the multiple birth siblings are placed in either the same or separate classrooms. The request shall be in writing not later than the 14<sup>th</sup> calendar day prior to the first day of classes at the beginning of the academic year. The school shall honor the request unless it would require the school to add an additional class to the sibling's grade level. If one (1) parent of multiple birth siblings requests a placement that differs from that of the other parent of the same multiple birth siblings, the school shall determine the appropriate placement of the siblings.

The school may change the classroom placement of one (1) or more of the multiple birth siblings if:

- There has been a minimum of thirty (30) instructional days since the start of the school year; and
- After consulting with each classroom teacher in which the siblings were placed, the school determines the parent's classroom placement request is:
  - a. Detrimental to the educational achievement of one (1) or more of the siblings;
  - b. Disruptive to the siblings' assigned classroom learning environment; or
  - c. Disruptive to the school's educational or disciplinary environment.

~~If a parent believes the school has not followed the requirements of this policy, a parent of multiple birth siblings in prekindergarten through sixth grade may request in writing to the principal that the school place the siblings in the same classroom or in separate classrooms. The request must be made within the first 30 days of enrollment. If the school determines that the placement is detrimental to the educational achievement of one or more of the siblings, the school may make a placement different than the parent's request. The parent may appeal the multiple birth siblings' classroom placement to the school's decision to the Director of Elementary InstructionEducation. The decision of the Director of Elementary InstructionEducation regarding the appeal is final. All provisions of ACA 6-18-106 shall apply.~~

Legal References: ACA 6-18-106

Additional Reference: ASBA Model Policies