



Eugene Reimer Middle School

Dear Raven Families,

We are excited to welcome your child to Eugene Reimer Middle School for the 2024/2025 school year. We are working hard with your child's previous teacher and our Reimer support and teaching team to develop a strong understanding of your child's needs. We often receive requests for students to be with friends to reduce anxiety around attending a new school. While we understand the desire for your child to be with friends, this is only one factor of many in determining student placement in each POD. Friend groups can often impede social emotional growth as students build social skills in a larger school setting.

Please note: As per the School Act, school administrators are responsible for student placement and the final decision and authority for pupil placement remains with School Administrators.

We put much effort into placing all children in optimal educational settings. We consider a range of criteria, including academic needs and progress, physical and emotional maturity, social needs, and connections. Our primary goal is to build successful groups of learners who will work and learn well together. We urge you to trust our team of educators to make the best placement for your child.

We ask that parents refrain from making special requests unless necessary. Please keep in mind that making new connections, meeting new challenges, and dealing with change are important life skills. We often find that a week or two into the new school year, children adjust and grow around their new surroundings and classmates. When POD lists are posted in September, please reflect rather than react to your child's placement, as supportive parenting, and trust in your child's ability to adapt to changes will help them grow and develop.

If you feel there are significant educational reasons for your child to be placed in a specific POD with supportive friends, we encourage you complete the form on the other page and submit it to the school ***no later than June 21, 2024***. Supporting information should include the kind of learning environment your child learns best within, academic needs and progress, physical and emotional maturity, social needs, and connections that help support your child in their learning journey.

All requests must be received in the office by June 21, 2024.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation and we look forward to working and learning with your child.

Sincerely,

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