

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Responsible Office: OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

CLASSROOM PLACEMENT OF MULTIPLE-BIRTH CHILDREN

A. PURPOSE

To provide for the placement of multiple-birth children in the same or separate classrooms in grades kindergarten through second in the same school per the Education Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

B. ISSUE

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County recognizes that parents/guardians of multiple-birth children (twins, triplets, and more) who are enrolled in the same grade level of kindergarten through second grade in the same school may request that all or some of the multiple-birth children be placed in the same classroom or individual classrooms.

C. POSITION

1. Parents/guardians of multiple-birth children must notify the school principal in writing, electronic or otherwise, at registration or during the scheduling process but not later than 14 days into the school year, of their request to have all or some of their multiple-birth children in the same or different classrooms.
2. The principal shall honor the parents'/guardians' request; however, if after 30 days the principal determines, upon consultation with the parents/guardians and the teacher(s) of the classroom(s) in which the multiple-birth children have been placed, that the placement is disruptive to the school, the principal may determine the appropriate classroom placement for the children.
3. Prior to the placement of multiple-birth children in a classroom, the school may recommend appropriate classroom placement or provide professional educational advice to assist the parents/guardians regarding classroom placement for multiple-birth children.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Policy history: Adopted on 4/6/11.
Note previous policy history: None.