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HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM INFORMATION

SPN Community,

For a number of years, St. Philip Neri Catholic School has offered “high ability” sections in Kindergarten through Seventh Grade. In each grade level, these students are placed into sections that offer “high ability” Reading, English, and Math classes. The Religion, Science, and Social Studies classes taught throughout our school are not “high ability” offerings, rather, these courses build on the standards, benchmarks, and expectations that introduce the students to key skills and concepts while giving them ample opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding through a variety of means.

The school has used the criteria and selection process listed below to determine student placement. Each school year, all students are reevaluated according to the aforementioned criteria to determine the best placement for each student.

HIGH ABILITY CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS

- Score on placement test
- Report card grades from the most previous school year (progress reports in PK4)

§ Entering the “high ability” program after being placed in an academic section during the previous school year:

- Student may not have more than 1 “C” on report card, and not as a final grade
- A grade of “D” anywhere on the report card disqualifies the student

§ Continuing in the “high ability” program after being placed in “high ability” during the previous school year:

- Student may not have more than 2 grades of “C” on report card, and not as a final grade
- A grade of “D” anywhere on the report card disqualifies the student
- Standardized test scores (NWEA MAP where applicable and Terranova NEXT)
- Teacher recommendations
- Conduct considerations

Thank you for continuing to allow us to partner with you in the education and development of your children.