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**INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND STUDENT PLACEMENT
AT SKOWHEGAN AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Instructional arrangements at the Middle School have been developed to help meet the intellectual needs of each student as well as their physical and social well being. Upon entering the Middle School, students are placed on a team of approximately 100 seventh and eighth grade students. The students receive their core academic instruction on this team during their middle school experience. Exploratory classes are scheduled to allow each student the opportunity to be introduced to a variety of new skills and interests.

The placement process takes place in the spring. Parents are invited to participate in the team placement of their child. Elementary principals and sixth grade teachers are also a part of the placement process. The final decision regarding placement is made by SAMS administration.

The following considerations provide guidance during the placement process:

- students are placed on a team with the intent that it will be a two year placement
- student placements should not unbalance the teams heterogeneity with respect to IQ, high risk population, gifted and talented population and sending school population

Parents are asked to submit, in writing or in person, two placement choices by May 15th. Requests submitted after May 15th cannot be considered.