

TEACHER EVALUATION BY STUDENTS

Dear Students:

Reflection is a powerful tool that human beings can use to grow and learn. We have asked you to do a lot of reflection at the River School:

- when you reflect on your project and evaluate yourself,
- when you evaluate others in your classes,
- when you reflect with others in your listening group to help each other
- when you prepare for student-led conferences, and
- when you are trying to reduce your checks for discipline.

The teachers and I are being evaluated, not for a grade, but for self-improvement since that is the best use of an evaluation process. Since you are the reason the school exists, we would like your feedback to help our teachers improve so we ask you to do this teacher evaluation with honesty. Otherwise, your feedback is not as effective and won't be taken seriously. Remember, this is not about whether you like or dislike the teacher. *This is about giving useful feedback so that the teacher can improve teaching you.*

Last year the returning students did this same process and provided the teachers with valuable information that they are now using to improve. So we'd like you input again at the middle of this year. You will be doing this again at the end of the year.

There are two areas we'd like you to evaluate the teachers:

- 1/ their explicit teaching (how they teach the core and elective subjects), and
- 2/ their implicit teaching (how they model the core values of the school in the ways they behave with you and others).

Mark the response that fits your reaction to each item:

- 1 = rarely. If you gave the teacher 1, write down in what class and why.
- 2 = once in awhile
- 3 = sometimes
- 4 = usually
- 5 = almost always

In the space provided at the end, please write one thing you think the teacher does well. Like you, they appreciate when they do something well. And then make one suggestion that might help them to improve.

Fill out one survey for each of your teachers: your team teachers, math teacher (if it's Mrs. Ansley), elective teacher, and PE teachers.

Thank you for taking the time to put down your thoughts honestly. It's important to me that our faculty grows, too, so that they can model the core values that are important in reaching our vision of you having a strong sense of self so that you are self-motivated, self-disciplined, and self-reliant. When you put your thoughts down honestly, you will benefit because our teachers will improve and it will help you.

Thank you, Mrs. Inlay.