

# **Can Everyone Pick a Friend Each Year?**

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Well, I think it's despicable that kids can't pick at least one person to be in the same classroom with each other. In some activities you're allowed to choose a friend to be your buddy. What do you think is fair? You may have to make new friends in your class, but that can be very hard. Maybe you'll have to change everything about yourself, your hair, the way you dress, how you treat your own friends. Worst of all lose your best friend because you don't get to be with them as much. Then your deep friendship can snap in seconds. If you only change this rule then none of these terrible things will happen.

You may have to make new friends' in a different class which can be absolutely impossible for some kids. Everyone is in little groups. Everyone belongs in different clusters, kind of like in high school or middle school. Making friends can be easier if you know them on your bus or maybe you know them from a previous class. But it is difficult and can be arduous to connect to kids my age, because we will feel awkward at moments. For instance, kids get to choose 3 friends in Nature's Classroom to be in their dorm. Apparently, no one cares that you are still forced to make friends. I know how hard it is to make new friends, because I moved from Needham and I was frightened at the fact that I had to leave all my best friends. Making new friends took time and a lot of effort. Mainly it's really hard and can be really awkward to make friends.

Being in a group makes kids feel important. You might have to change everything about yourself, the way you dress, or maybe how you treat other people just to fit in with the group. Kids will not always accept you the way you are and you shouldn't put up with it. You shouldn't have to cope with changing everything good or bad about you. Anyone could be exposed to this depressing problem. I urge you to change this crazy rule.

Building trust and a deep relationship is always hard with another child. You build and build and build a relationship and then suddenly you learn you did it all for nothing, because when you're not close to a friend or anyone your relationships become weaker and weaker. Sometimes it will take a couple years to find another close companion; kids don't have enough time. I'm in 5<sup>th</sup> grade all ready and I don't have enough time to make a whole new deep relationship. Your other friends will leave you and you're stuck with nothing. Everyone has to deal with this problem at some point in their childhood or lifetime. But if you change this rule everyone's happiness and joy will prevail.

Now, you have probably felt lonely or by yourself sometime in your childhood and that probably did not feel very good. I beg you to change the rule preventing you to choose a friend in a new classroom. That will stop many kids from being isolated. If you won't, kids will suffer and will not want to go to school. This problem has a solution, let kids choose a friend and then kids won't be lonely, won't have to change, and won't lose a best friend. Please acknowledge this problem for not only me, but everyone who have and will feel this way.