

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF  
POUGHKEEPSIE**

**POLICY ON CLASSROOM PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS**

It shall be the policy of the Religious Education Program at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie that students participating in the program shall be assigned to the grade corresponding with their grade school, whether private or public, regardless of age or date of birth. Children who are homeschooled will be placed with the grade most closely corresponding with their age group.

An appeal to this policy can be made by a parent or guardian to the Religious Education Committee (REC). The REC shall hear all appeals in a timely manner and consult with appropriate involved adults, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Director of Religious Education (DRE), the child's current teacher and the child's proposed teacher. The REC may also review classroom materials for both the current and preferred grade level, and may consider samples of the child's work to aid in reaching a decision.

All appeals shall be held confidential by the REC and the DRE unless disclosure is authorized by the parent or guardian, with the exception of notification of the final decision to the appropriate teacher(s).

This policy was adopted when Judith Knauss was chair of RE, probably around the same time as the other policies (9/08), if not at the same time.