



An Important Note About Student Groupings (See Class List on the Following Page)

When organizing your students into smaller groups for STARBASE, please avoid any purposeful grouping, such as by achievement or by perceived or projected behaviors. Good intentioned, classroom teachers sometimes group the students who they believe have behavior and/or learning challenges together all in one group (and usually try to be in that class to monitor). However, what we've learned over the years is that kind of grouping seems to do more harm than good. Having mixed achievement levels and not trying to sort students by behaviors actually yields greater student success and results in fewer behavior issues overall. Plus, students do quickly figure out they are being grouped which can be de-motivating, can impede their progress and works contrary to our message to students that they can have a "fresh start" at STARBASE, something we can provide because of our different environment and resources.

Note: If you are bringing a translator for LA students, or if you are having students be peer mentors/translators for other students, that kind of grouping makes sense and is fine. Otherwise, thank you for providing divided class lists that are more randomly mixed.

