

Kids with Character

For most kids with siblings around the same age, school is a great place to escape and find their own voice. It's an environment that comes with built-in activities that give kids the chance to be their own person and ditch the unpopular label of "So-And-So's brother." For kids, developing an identity of their own often is as important as mastering their multiplication tables.

And then you meet Everett Chambers, and the thought of "sibling rivalries" seems impossible.

The junior at Avon High School not only enjoys seeing his 16-year-old brother at school, he makes it a priority to make their time together special. And for the first semester of this year, that was pretty easy because Everett and Eronne shared the same lunch period.

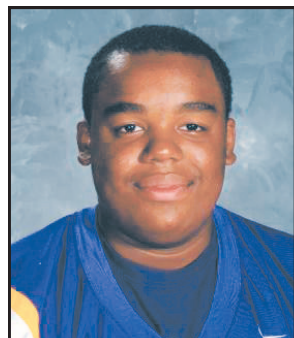
But when Everett's schedule was due to change in January, he sought out his guidance counselor and was granted a request to keep it the same as his brother's.

"In addition," said Paul G. Eldridge, the teacher who nominated Everett for The Chronicle's Kids With Character, "Everett asked the teacher in the MH unit that Eronne is in if he could be the teacher's aide so that he could spend even more time with his brother."

Wish granted.

"If more siblings were as caring as this young man," Eldridge said, "our world would be a much better place."

You get the feeling that Everett is extremely proud to be "Eronne's brother."



Everett

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