



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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June 1, 2026

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**Re: Appeal Under Petitions for Student Transfers – Nadia Rohim**

Lisa Hunter  
White Hall  
Vice Chair

To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Gary Arnold  
Little Rock

This letter is to notify you that the Arkansas State Board of Education is scheduled to hear the above-referenced appeal on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Arch Ford Education Building, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. Any additional materials any party chooses to submit should be provided to our office no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, June 8, 2026.

Randy Henderson  
Blytheville

**The State Board of Education requests the parent, a representative of the non-resident school, and a representative of the resident school attend this meeting and be available for questions.**

Jeff Wood  
Little Rock

Ken Bragg  
Sheridan

The above-referenced appeal will be conducted pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the State Board by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing the Petitions for Student Transfers. You may find copies of these references on the DESE website at [https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/FINAL\\_RULE -  
Petition for Student Transfers - 7.1.2024RV Legal.pdf](https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/FINAL_RULE_-_Petition_for_Student_Transfers_-_7.1.2024RV_Legal.pdf).

Leigh Keener  
Little Rock

Dr. Aaron Abbott  
Springdale

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact the Arkansas Department of Education's Office of Legal Services at (501) 682-4227 should you require additional information.

David Pencock  
Jonesboro

Sincerely,

Daniel Shults, Chief Legal Counsel  
Arkansas Department of Education

# Public School Choice Transfer Application

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 6-18-1901 et seq.

RECEIVED IN  
STUDENT SERVICES  
2/23/26 2:11 pm  
AM

## SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: 02 / 18 / 2021 Grade Level for Requested Year: K

School Year of Requested Transfer: 20 26 - 20 27

Current School Attending: N/A preschool

Current District (Resident District): Fairview

Is the student currently under expulsion?  Yes  No

Is the student currently under consideration or recommendation for expulsion?  Yes  No

*This question is for informational purposes and cannot be basis for denial.*

## SECTION 2: INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST

*(from resident district to another district)*

School Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

District of Requested School: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 3: INTRADISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST

*(to another school in the resident district)*

School Requested: Euper Lane

Special Programs Yes IEP

Athletics (CSAP) NO

Wait List \_\_\_\_\_

First School Choice \_\_\_\_\_

22/40 = 55%

F3 WTRA  
to EUPER

REVISED STATUS <sup>5.7.26</sup>  
PROGRAM CAPACITY  
LIMIT.



**SECTION 4: FAMILY INFORMATION**

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

[Redacted]

Home Address

[Redacted]

City: Fort Smith

ZIP: 72901

Phone Number:

[Redacted]

Email:

[Redacted]

Does the student have a sibling currently attending the requested school?

Yes

No

*Her brother [Redacted] is in a specialized class at Euper*

Does the student have a parent or guardian who is a:

- Uniformed service member in full-time active duty status  Yes  No
- Surviving spouse of a uniformed service member  Yes  No
- Reserve component uniformed service member during the period six months before six months after a Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States Code or state active duty mobilization.  Yes  No

**SECTION 5: ATTESTATIONS**

- I understand that transportation is not provided unless otherwise agreed upon.
- I understand that my child must comply with the student code of conduct and attendance policies.
- I understand this application does not guarantee approval and that I will be notified in writing.
- I understand that if accepted, I will be given a deadline by which to enroll.

Signature of  Parent  Guardian  Student (if age 18+):

Sign:

[Redacted]

Date: 02 / 23 / 2026



**SECTION 6: DISTRICT USE ONLY**

Method of Submission:

- Regular Mail       Email       Hand Delivery

Receiving District:

Date Submitted: 2/23/26  
Time Submitted: 2:11 pm

MAY 11  
MOVED TO REJECTED  
STATUS (WAITLIST)  
SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

- Application Accepted       Application Rejected

Reason for Rejection (check all that apply):

- Lack of capacity (documented)       Application incomplete  
 Application received after June 1 deadline       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification sent to applicant on: 2 / 27 / 26 *red ✓*

Complete Power School  
5/11/26  
let.  
renew

Enrollment deadline if accepted: 3 / 10 / 26

District Official Name: Michael Farrell Title: Director Student Services

Signature: *Michael Farrell* Date: 2 / 24 / 2026

Resident District (if interdistrict transfer):

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_

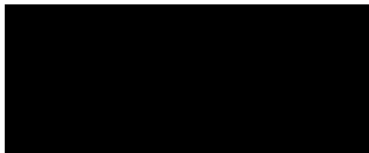
District Official Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_





February 25, 2026



Dear Ms. [REDACTED]:

The school choice application submitted (January 1 – June 1) for [REDACTED] regarding a fall intradistrict (FSPS school to FSPS school) transfer to Euper Lane Elementary School has been accepted based upon available staffing capacity (set by the State of Arkansas at 95%).

Your current residence school and requested school are aware of your approved impending transfer. Your requested transfer school is looking forward to welcoming your student into their learning community on the first day of school in the fall.

- Elementary – Current resident/attendance school will note this transfer in “Next School Building.” for the fall.
- Secondary – Current resident/attendance school will note this transfer in “Next School Building.” for the fall. School and counselors from current and requested transfer school will coordinate course selection for the incoming student.

Transferring students in grades 7-12 wishing to participate in interscholastic activities in their new school were required to complete a Changing School Athletic Participation (CSAP) form with their school choice application. Transferring schools without CSAP approval will negatively impact eligibility to participate in interscholastic activities. Eighth grade students must complete the school choice application and receive approval before they are eligible to participate in off season or spring practices at a non-feeder high school.

Based upon staffing capacity, acceptance into a school does not guarantee a particular class or program will be available. In addition, transportation to school using an intradistrict transfer is the sole responsibility of the family.

We encourage you to reach out to the Student Services department if you have any questions or need further assistance. We look forward to supporting and partnering with your family regarding the education of your child in Fort Smith Public Schools.

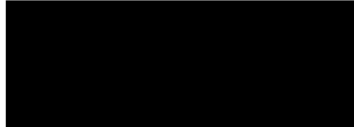
Sincerely,

Michael Farrell, Ed.D.  
Executive Director of Student Services

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May 11, 2026



Dear Ms. [REDACTED]:

This letter is to inform you that the previously approved application and acceptance for Nadia Rohim to attend Euper Lane Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year is being revised due to a change in staffing capacity at Euper Lane.

As a result of this staffing adjustment, Euper Lane is no longer able to accommodate additional students within the established capacity guidelines. Therefore, your student will be moved to the waiting list for Euper Lane Elementary School. Should space become available, Student Services will contact you regarding any change in placement status.

In the meantime, [REDACTED] will be assigned to the special educational program to support the student's individual education plan at Fairview Elementary School, the student's home attendance school. This program was not available at Fairview prior to the 2026-2027 school year and is now available to appropriately serve students within the attendance area.

We understand changes such as this can be disappointing and appreciate your understanding as we work to ensure appropriate educational programming and staffing capacity for all students. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact the Student Services Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Farrell".

Michael Farrell, Ed.D.  
Executive Director of Student Services

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F4;Revised Status

# FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## STUDENT SERVICES

TIME: 9:30 AM/PM    DATE: 5.14.2026    SCHOOL: EUPER  
POINT OF CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE / MESSAGE / OFFICE  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION:**

*They said their classrooms are not full (Front office)  
One of SPED teachers.  
Front office  
MAF: Don't have information  
Contact Taylor Smith  
MAF called Taylor Smith.*

REFERRED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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*From the desk of:*

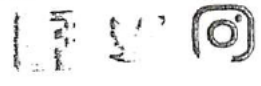
**Ana Narez**  
OAA - Student Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return her call.*

8:27 AM  
5/14/26

**Fort Smith Public Schools**  
Phone 479-785-2501, Ext. 91264 / Fax 479-70  
anarez@fortsmithschools.org





Michael Farrell <mfarrell@fortsmithschools.org>

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## Waitlist

1 message

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Terresa Dewey <tdewey@fortsmithschools.org>  
To: Domonique Alexander <dalexander@fortsmithschools.org>  
Cc: Michael Farrell <MFarrell@fortsmithschools.org>

Fri, Jun 5, 2026 at 8:27 AM

We reviewed the school choice waitlist yesterday, 6/4/26 and I wanted to reach out to you and see if anything had changed on the following four students that are serviced with special programs?

The students are the following:

- ██████████ requesting 3rd grade at Euper Lane
- ██████████ requesting Kindergarten at Euper Lane
- ██████████, requesting 2nd grade at Euper Lane
- ██████████, requesting 2nd grade at Tilles

Terresa :0)

Terresa Dewey  
Assistant Director of Student Services  
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P.O. Box 1948  
Fort Smith, AR 72902-1948  
(479)785-2501 Ext. 91284  
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**Fort Smith Public School**

**January 1 – June 1 Public School Choice**

**Wait List**

Date	Tr	Time	Student Last Name	Student First Name	Parent Name	School Year	Tr	Grade Requested	School Requested	Current School	Home School	Notes
1/1/2026		12:49 a.m.				2026-27	4		Gook	Garnall	Booneville	Removed from wl 4/1/26
1/1/2026		5:24 p.m.				2026-27	4		Woods	Union-Christi	Euper Lane	Removed from wl Mom-cancelle
1/1/2026		12:00 a.m.				2026-27	5		Woods	GTK	Greenwood	Removed from wl 4/1/26
1/4/2026		7:35 p.m.				2025-26	3		Bonneville	Bonneville	Euper Lane	
1/4/2026		7:35 p.m.				2025-26	4		Bonneville	Bonneville	Euper Lane	
1/5/2026		12:21 p.m.				2025-26	2		Sunnymede	Sutton	Sutton	
1/5/2026		1:50 p.m.				2025-26	2		Sunnymede	Morrison	Morrison	
1/5/2026		12:20 p.m.				2025-26	5		Sunnymede	Sutton	Sutton	
1/5/2026		1:50 p.m.				2025-26	5		Sunnymede	Morrison	Morrison	
1/5/2026		3:22 p.m.				2025-26	5		Sunnymede	Tilles	Tilles	
1/7/2026		10:00 a.m.				2026-27	2		Sunnymede	Sunnymede	Park	
1/8/2026		8:16 a.m.				2026-27	2		Park	Park	Tilles	Removed from waitlist 5/28/26
1/8/2026		2:00 p.m.				2026-27	2		Tilles	Spradling	Morrison	Removed from waitlist 4/1/26
1/8/2026		9:50 a.m.				2025-26	3		Sunnymede	Park	Ballman	
1/8/2026		8:16 a.m.				2026-27	5		Park	Park	Tilles	Removed from waitlist 2/24/26
1/8/2026		9:12 a.m.				2026-27	5		Bonneville	Bonneville	Euper Lane	
1/12/2026		2:01 p.m.				2026-27	2		Woods	1st Lutheran	Barling	
1/12/2026		8:20 a.m.				2025-26	4		Woods	Barling	Barling	
1/13/2026		12:51 p.m.				2026-27	4		Woods	Bonneville	Bonneville	Parents want siblings together
1/13/2026		8:02 a.m.				2026-27	5		Ballman	Ballman	Sunnymede	
1/14/2026		6:52 a.m.				2026-27	2		Woods	Lavaca	Lavaca	
1/14/2026		6:52 a.m.				2026-27	5		Woods	Lavaca	Lavaca	Removed from wl 4/1/26
1/16/2026		10:12 a.m.				2026-27	3		Barling	Barling	Beliman	
1/31/2026		11:50 a.m.				2026-27	5		Woods	Germany	N/A	Removed from waitlist 4/1/26
2/2/2026		4:00 p.m.				2026-27	5		Woods	Euper Lane	Euper Lane	Act 624/ filed in act62426-27 Ref
2/2/2026		3:39 p.m.				2026-27	K		Woods	Germany	Bonneville	Removed from waitlist 3/31/26
2/4/2026		12:19 p.m.				2026-27	K		Woods	First Lutheran	Gook	Removed from waitlist 3/31/26
2/5/2026		6:52 a.m.				2026-27	K		Woods	Not-FSPS	Beliman	Removed from waitlist 3/31/26
2/6/2026		1:00 p.m.				2026-27	3		Howard	Howard	Sutton	
2/6/2026		8:56 a.m.				2026-27	4		Sunnymede	Spradling	Sutton	Mom cancelled 4/3/26
2/8/2026		9:02 a.m.				2026-27	5		Woods	Germany	Bonneville	Removed from waitlist 4/2/26
2/9/2026		9:02 a.m.				2026-27	K		Woods	Germany	Bonneville	Listed as 1st, should be K, waitli
2/11/2026		2:11 p.m.				2026-27	2		Morrison	Howard	Howard	Removed from waitlist 5/28/26

Date	Tr	Time	Student Last Name	Student First Name	Parent Name	School Year	Tr	Grade Requested	School Requested	Current School	Home School	Notes
2/12/2026		12:40 p.m.				2026-27	3		Euper Lane	Euper Lane	Howard	Removed from waitlist 5/28/26
2/18/2026		9:40 a.m.				2026-27	K		Woods	1st Lutheran	Ballman	Removed from waitlist 3/31/26
2/20/2026		11:00 a.m.				2026-27	K		Woods	Cornell PK	Beard	Removed from waitlist 4/1/26
2/23/2026		8:57 a.m.				2026-27	2		Park	Park	Park	
2/23/2026		2:11 p.m.				2026-27	3		Euper Lane	Euper Lane	Fairview	SPED Self Contained
2/23/2026		2:11 p.m.				2026-27	K		Euper Lane	Euper Lane	Fairview	SPED Self Contained
2/24/2026		12:54 p.m.				2025-26	2		Morrison	Spradling	Sutton	
2/25/2026		8:45 a.m.				2026-27	3		Cavanaugh	Cavanaugh	Beard	Removed from waitlist 5/28/26
2/26/2026		9:54 a.m.				2026-27	K		Woods	N/A	Van Buren	Removed from waitlist 3/31/26
2/27/2026		10:25 a.m.				2026-27	4		Sutton	Sutton	Cook	Student attending Sutton now
2/27/2026		2:05 p.m.				2026-27	4		Fairview	Cornell	Beard	School Closing - removed from
2/27/2026		3:50 p.m.				2026-27	K		Woods	N/A	Euper Lane	Removed from waitlist 3/31/26
3/2/2026		10:47 a.m.				2026-27	5		Woods	Woods	Fairview	Removed from waitlist 4/2/26
3/2/2026		11:55 a.m.				2025-26	5		Ballman	Park	Ballman	Should not have been on waitlist
3/6/2026		12:00 p.m.				2026-27	K		Woods	N/A	Barling	Removed from waitlist 3/31/26
3/12/2026		2:33 p.m.				2026-27	4		Woods	Euper Lane	Euper Lane	Removed from waitlist 4/2/26
3/16/2026		9:52 p.m.				2026-27	3		Woods	Barling	Barling	Student has sibling in 4, both ha
3/18/2026		12:06 p.m.				2026-27	2		Park	Ballman	Ballman	
3/20/2026		10:05 a.m.				2025-26	3		Tilles	N/A	Sutton	
3/30/2026		3:00 p.m.				2026-27	1		Fairview	Fairview	Cavanaugh	
3/31/2026		9:30 a.m.				2026-27	3		Howard	Howard	Morrison	
4/6/2026		4:37 p.m.				2026-27	2		Park	Spradling	Spradling	
4/8/2026		8:44 a.m.				2026-27	2		Tilles	Spradling	Spradling	
4/8/2026		8:44 a.m.				2026-27	4		Tilles	Spradling	Spradling	Removed from waitlist 5/28/26
4/8/2026		9:57 a.m.				2026-27	1		Sunnymede	Not FSPS	Fairview	
4/8/2026		12:54 p.m.				2026-27	3		Euper Lane	Euper Lane	Woods	
4/8/2026		11:19 a.m.				2026-27	2		Euper Lane	Euper Lane	Park	SPED
4/10/2026		8:35 a.m.				2026-27	5		Cook	Cornell	Fairview	
4/16/2026		11:45 a.m.				2026-27	2		Tilles	Cornell	Ballman	SPED Self Contained
4/21/2026		12:42 p.m.				2026-27	1		Sunnymede	Spradling	Sutton	
4/21/2026		12:42 p.m.				2026-27	3		Sunnymede	Spradling	Sutton	
4/21/2026		8:07 p.m.				2026-27	3		Woods	Howard	Howard	
4/22/2026		1:32 p.m.				2026-27	3		Howard	Howard	Sutton	