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Education

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Adrienne Woods
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Chair

Re: Appeal Under Petitions for Student Transfers – Ezra 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 Peacock
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 2:11pm
AM

SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: 09 / 12 / 2016 Grade Level for Requested Year: 3

School Year of Requested Transfer: 20 26 - 20 27

Current School Attending: Euper Lane

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 de

SECTION 2: INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS (from resident district to another district)

School Requested: Euper Lane

District of Requested School: _____

SECTION 3: INTRADISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS (to another school in the resident district)

School Requested: Euper Lane

Special Programs Yes IEP

Athletics (CSAP) NO

Wait List _____

First School Choice _____

F3 INTRA
to EUPER
REVISED STATUS 5.7.26
PROGRAM CAPACITY
LIMIT

SP ED
Placement



SECTION 4: FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Home Address _____

City: Fort Smith ZIP: 72901

Phone Number: _____ Email _____

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

Yes No _____ has been in a specialized class since kindergarten

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+):

Signature: _____ 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 ^{had ✓} *Next School - Euper* ^{5/11/26 ✓}

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,

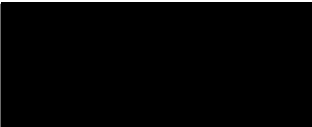
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Farrell".

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 Ezra 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 becomes 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 cursive script 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:

From the desk of:

Ana Narez
OAA - Student Services

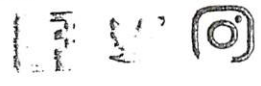
Date _____

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Please return  
her call.

8:27 AM  
5/14/26

**Fort Smith Public Schools**  
Phone 479-785-2501, Ext. 91264 / Fax 479-701  
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  
3205 Jenny Lind Road  
P.O. Box 1948  
Fort Smith, AR 72902-1948  
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Fax (479) 709-6060



**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, waitl |
| 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 | Tr | School Requested | Tr | 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     |
| 2/10/2026 |    | 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 |    | 9:45 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     | +  |                 |    | Sutton           |    | Sutton         | Cook        | Student attending Sutton now      |
| 2/27/2026 |    | 2:05 p.m.  |                   |                    |             | 2026-27     | +  |                 |    | 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     | +  |                 |    | 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      |                                   |