

2016-2017 SPS STUDENT TRANSFER INFORMATION

WITHIN-DISTRICT STUDENT REQUESTS

Within-District (Intra-District) Transfer requests are for students residing **within** Springfield School District attendance boundaries that wish to attend another school within Springfield.

HIGH PRIORITY: High Priority transfer window (for within-district students only) is open **January 4 – 29, 2016**.

OPEN ENROLLMENT (OE): Open Enrollment window is open **March 1 - April 1, 2016** for the coming year.

High Priority & OE requests are placed on a four-tier waiting list (outlined below).

Requests that do not exceed desired grade level or school capacity will be approved. Requests that exceed capacity may be approved through Within-District transfer process.

WITHIN-DISTRICT Transfers: Within-District transfer requests are accepted after May 1st. All Within-District requests are processed *after* registration day using one-for-one exchange guidelines.

Within-District transfer requests are placed on the waiting list daily (outlined below).

Within-District requests will be approved as one-for-one exchanges.

Special Notes:

Transfer forms are available at any school building, online (www.springfield.k12.or.us) or from the Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street, Room 311.

Transfer requests are placed on waiting lists using a four-tier lottery: (1) Returning seniors are given top priority, (2) Students who are requesting to return to their current school for the next year, (3) siblings of a student that will be attending the requested school; will be given priority over (4) new applicants.

High Priority and Open Enrollment transfers, once approved, are valid until the student completes the highest grade at that level or moves from the address the transfer was originally approved.

Within-District transfers, once approved, are valid for the remainder of the current school year only. Parents must reapply to return the following year.

Approval cannot be granted if desired capacity at the requested school or grade is reached.

Students must reapply when: (1) changing school levels (i.e., from elementary to mid school; or mid to high school), (2) if they've moved from the address of the original transfer approval, or (3) if they have been granted a transfer through within-district transfer (approved after May 1st) guidelines.

A student's "resident" school is the attendance boundary where the student's family lives. Daycare providers or places of business are not considered the student's residence. Students may not use a business address, relative or friend's address to gain access to a school. **All families are required to provide valid proof of address upon enrollment.**

Ridgeview Elementary, Thurston Elementary and Thurston Middle School remain closed to transfers. Requests for these schools will be placed on a waiting list.

Completed transfer request forms should be turned into the Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street, Room 311. Should you have questions please contact Amy Stephens, 541-726-3254.

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2016-2017 OPEN ENROLLMENT & INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST INFORMATION

Open Enrollment & Inter-District transfer requests are for students residing outside Springfield School District boundaries (i.e., Bethel, Creswell, Crow, Eugene, Fern Ridge, Junction City, Lowell, Marcola, McKenzie, Pleasant Hill, South Lane) wishing to attend a school within Springfield boundaries.

Any student whose family resides outside Springfield School District boundaries that currently does not have an approved **Open Enrollment** transfer must submit either an Open Enrollment or Inter-District request to apply to attend a Springfield school for the 2016-2017 school year. Additionally, Inter-District students currently attending a Springfield school with an approved Inter-District Exchange (approved after 4/1/2015) transfer must re-apply should they wish to return to a Springfield school for the coming year.

OPEN ENROLLMENT (OE): Open enrollment window is ***March 1st through April 1st*** for the coming year.

Open Enrollment applications will be placed on a four-tier waiting list: (1) Returning seniors are given top priority. (2) Students who attended a Springfield school during the previous school year and are requesting to return to their current Springfield school for the next year are given priority over (3) siblings of a current Springfield student; and (4) new applicants.

Open Enrollment requests that do not exceed the number of designated transfers accepted or desired grade level or school capacity will be approved. Approved OE requests are valid until the student completes the highest grade at that level or moves from the address the transfer was originally approved. Applications that exceed the number of designated transfers to be accepted will be placed on the Inter-District list and may be approved through Inter-District Exchange process. **Approval cannot be granted if the requested school or grade capacity is reached or if there is a waiting list of within-district students for the requested school. Into-District Open Enrollment requests cannot be approved over a within-district request.**

INTER-DISTRICT Transfers: Inter-District transfer requests are accepted after July 1st for the coming year. All Inter-District requests must be processed using Inter-District exchange process.

Inter-District transfers are assigned to the waiting list by lottery draw. Returning students will be given priority over new applicants.

Inter-District requests will be approved that: (1) do not exceed the declared number of transfers the District determines it will accept, (2) does not exceed the grade, level or building capacity, and (3) there is no within-district wait list to the requested school/grade. Approved Inter-District transfers are valid for the current year only.

Transfer forms are available at any school building, online (www.springfield.k12.or.us) or from the Instruction Office at 525 Mill Street.

Once the *Open Enrollment* transfer has been approved, your student will be able to remain at the school you have chosen until they complete the highest grade at that level. You must submit a transfer for new students entering kindergarten, for students not currently on an approved OE transfer, or when changing from one level to another (i.e., elementary to middle or middle to high school, or if your address changes from that of the initial approval.

Students approved through Inter-District Transfer process must re-apply each year. Students must also reapply when changing school levels (i.e., from elementary to mid school; or mid to high school).

Approval cannot be granted if desired capacity at the requested school or grade is reached, or if there is a waiting list of within-district students for the requested school. Inter-District requests cannot be approved over a within-district request.

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