



**Springfield
Public
Schools**
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Boundary Adjustments and Transportation Expansion

Why are these changes necessary?

As the size and demographics of our community change, it is necessary for Springfield Public Schools to continuously consider the impact and make adjustments to help balance enrollment and utilization of space in our schools. There are three primary reasons that these changes are being implemented:

- To provide all students quality educational spaces and resources
- To prevent overcrowding, which can cause high class sizes and using space not intended for instruction
- To address underutilization, which can cause unbalanced class sizes and affect availability of support resources

The recommended changes are based on a demographic study conducted in 2023. The [complete report](#) and a [summary of the findings](#) were shared with the community in November 2023.

Transportation is being expanded to provide services to more students and to ensure efficient and sustainable operations.

When will the changes take effect?

Transportation and boundary changes will take effect with the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. Students will start the first day of school in August at their newly assigned schools.

What should I do if I want my child to remain at their current school?

Springfield Public Schools is an open enrollment district and allows parents to request transfers to a school other than the one assigned, based on their home address. Approval of these transfers is based on space availability at the school requested.

If you would like to be considered for a transfer for the 2025-2026 school year, please complete the online request form available at www.sps.org/transfers as soon as possible.

Please note:

- If your child is currently a transfer student at their school and wishes to remain there in the future, you will need to submit a new transfer request.
- If your child is currently a fifth-grader and would like to transfer to a middle school other than the one they are assigned to, you must complete a “transitional transfer request” between 7:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, and 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 2024.

Typically, transfer requests for the 2025-2026 school year would not be approved until August 2025, but we will make every effort to evaluate enrollment capacity and notify families of their transfer status as early as possible.

When can we meet our new principal?

The principal from your new school will be in attendance at the informational meeting in November. In the spring, an opportunity will also be scheduled for your child to visit their new school and meet the principal.

What are the start and dismissal times at my new school?

Click [here](#) to view start and dismissal times for all schools for 2025-2026.

What do I do if I have additional questions?

Informational meetings have been scheduled so that you can learn more about the next steps in the process. See the dates and times listed below. You may also contact your current principal with questions.

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, Nov. 6	5:30 p.m.	Bissett Elementary School, 3014 W. Calhoun St.
Monday, Nov. 11	6:00 p.m.	Westport K-8, 415 S. Golden Ave.
Wednesday, Nov. 13	5:30 p.m.	Sunshine Elementary School, 421 E. Sunshine St.
Thursday, Nov. 14	5:30 p.m.	Mann Elementary School, 3745 S. Broadway Ave.