

Barrington Public Schools

Admissions and Residency Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the admission credentials required for students entering Barrington Public Schools (BPS) for the first time.

I. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION CREDENTIALS

A. REQUIREMENTS

1. Each student to be enrolled for the first time in BPS must present a birth certificate. The complete legal name of the student, date of birth, sex, and name(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s) will be recorded in the student record as documented by the birth certificate unless amended per the guidelines of the BPS Transgender Protocol. A hospital record of birth, a passport, or other identification document acceptable to the Superintendent may be used as documentation in the event that a certified birth certificate is not available.

In case a student cannot meet the above requirement, the principal shall enroll the student temporarily for 30 days to allow the parent time to present the required birth certificate or documented affidavit.

2. The student to be enrolled must be accompanied by the parent or guardian. A guardian means a person to whom a court has awarded legal custody. The accompanying adult shall be required to present a government issued photo identification card. Persons who are neither the natural parent nor have been awarded legal custody by the court shall be required to present a statement of temporary guardianship that has been endorsed by a Notary Public.
3. A court order, updated birth certificate, or passport attesting to any changes in student identification as referenced in Section A.1 is required before any changes can be made to the student record. Changes in a non-United States birth certificate must be supported by a document issued by the United States government or by an official identification document of the country of origin.
4. Each student shall furnish a certificate documenting that the student has been immunized against communicable diseases as required by Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) or has begun receiving the first in the series of all such vaccinations. Deficiencies must be eliminated during the 90 days immediately following provisional admittance or in accordance with the written plan from the physician or RIDOH. See health requirements for school entry, all grades.

5. A certificate of physical examination is required before any student is admitted for the first time to any public school. See State of Rhode Island School Physical Form.
6. BPS shall be free to each Barrington resident whose fifth birthday falls on or before September 1st of the school year. BPS shall be free to each Barrington resident receiving special education services who has not graduated and who has not reached their 21st birthday.
7. Proof of residence, including a copy of the lease or deed showing a Barrington address is customarily required or two utility bills (gas, electric or oil) may be submitted. If the family is living in a residence of a friend or relative, the homeowner or leaseholder must provide a notarized statement regarding this fact with a Leaseholder or Homeowner Affidavit (available at BPS link) in addition to the lease or deed of the homeowner or leaseholder. Evidence of nontemporary residence is required with a Residency Affidavit (available at BPS link). In addition, the parent or guardian must provide three official documents showing the name of the parent or guardian and the Barrington address of the residence where the family is living. Acceptable documentation are those outlined above.
8. School records and/or original transcripts are required of all students.

B. EXCEPTION

The Superintendent may waive these requirements to the extent necessary to comply with national security requirements, to protect the safety of the registering student, to comply with applicable state and federal requirements for the enrollment of homeless children, or to protect students regardless of immigration status.

C. APPEALS

Disputes concerning residency are resolved by the Commissioner of the Rhode Island Department of Education. Anyone who disagrees with a BPS school residency determination may appeal the decision directly to the Commissioner. Written appeals, signed by a parent or guardian of the student, may be submitted to :

Commissioner Ken Wagner
Rhode Island Department of
Elementary and Secondary Education
255 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
Fax 401-222-6178

Legal references:

Residency and Guardianship

16-64-1 Residency for School Purposes

16-64-2 Retention of Residence

16-64-3 Burden of Proof

16-64-4 Effect of Guardianship

Vaccinations

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