

Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Refugee School Impact Grant Clarifications

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A. Clarification of the 3-year eligibility for RSIG

As [announcement](#) states “the focus of the services should be on those who need the help the most: new arrivals that are making initial adjustment and those that have been in the country three years or less but still continue to face serious challenges”.

ORR will consider all refugee students who have been in the country less than three years at the beginning of the school year to be eligible for services funded by the Refugee School Impact grant until the end of the school program year. If a grantee has a compelling reason to provide services to children that have been in the country for more than three years, they must provide justification to ORR to do so. Such justification must be included in the grantee’s files and sent to the ORR State Analyst for that particular state.

B. Eligibility documentation

As stated in the announcement “children seeking to participate in projects funded by an ORR Refugee School Impact Grant must provide documentation of their refugee status”.

Grantees should secure copies of I-94’s and green cards for eligible refugee children for their files.

If a local Voluntary Agency provides a Refugee School Impact Grantee with a letter certifying a list of children to be eligible refugees with refugee name, date of birth, status and date of arrival, and certifying that it will keep and make available for the government review copies of eligibility documents at the Volag offices, ORR will consider requirement to be satisfied.