

Student Records

The district will maintain those student records necessary for the educational guidance and/or welfare of students, for orderly and efficient operation of schools and as required by law. All information related to individual students will be treated in a confidential and professional manner. The district will use reasonable methods to ensure that teachers and other school officials obtain access to only those education records in which they have legitimate educational interests. When information is released in compliance with state and federal law the district and district employees are immune from civil liability unless they acted with gross negligence or in bad faith.

The district will retain records in compliance with the current, approved versions of the Local Government General Records Retention Schedule (CORE) and the School Districts and Educational Service Districts Records Retention Schedule, both of which are published on the Secretary of State's website at: www.sos.wa.gov/archives/recordsretentionschedules.aspx.

Student records are the property of the district but will be available in an orderly and timely manner to students and parents. "Parent" includes state and/or tribal child welfare agencies with documented legal custody of a dependent child (i.e., Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Puyallup Tribe of Indians Children's Services). A parent or adult student may challenge any information in a student record believed inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student.

State law provides that at certain ages, students attain the right to decide for themselves what records will remain confidential, even from their parents. At age eighteen students become legal adults and must approve any disclosure of information about themselves from school records, except directory information if a request for confidentiality has not been filed. Students between sixteen and eighteen who have been granted legal emancipation from their parents or guardians have the same rights as eighteen-year-old students. Students over fourteen years of age have confidentiality rights in records indicating that they have been tested or treated for a sexually transmitted disease. Students thirteen years and older have confidentiality rights in records regarding drug, alcohol, or mental health treatment. All students have confidentiality rights in family planning or abortion records.

Student records will be forwarded to other school agencies upon request. A high school student may grant authority to the district which permits prospective employers to review the student's transcript. Parental or adult student consent will be required before the district may release student records other than to a school agency or organization, except as otherwise provided by law.

A grades report, transcript, or diploma will not be released until a student has made restitution for damages assessed as a result of losing or damaging school materials or equipment. If a student has transferred to another school district that has requested the student's records, but the student has an outstanding fee or fine, only records pertaining to the student's academic performance, special placement, immunization history, and discipline actions, official juvenile court records, and history of violence will be sent to the enrolling school. The content of those records will be communicated to the enrolling district within two school days and copies of the records will be sent as soon as possible. The official transcript will not be released until the outstanding fee or fine is discharged. The enrolling school will be notified that the official transcript is being withheld due to an unpaid fee or fine. However, for students who the district determines meet the definition of homeless, the district will make all the student's records readily available to the enrolling school regardless of outstanding fees or fines.

The superintendent will establish procedures governing the content, management and control of student records.

Cross References:

- 3115 – Students Experiencing Homelessness - Enrollment Rights and Services
- 3211 - Gender-Inclusive Schools
- 3520 - Student Fees, Fines, or Charges
- 4040 -- Public Access to District Records

Legal References:

20 U.S.C. 1232g Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
CFR 34 , Part 99 Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
Regulations
42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq. McKinney-Vento Homeless
Assistance Act
42 CFR § 2.14 Minor patients
RCW 9.02.100—Reproductive privacy—Public policy
RCW 28A.150.510 Transmittal of education records to
DSHS—Disclosure of educational records—Data sharing
agreements—Comprehensive needs requirement document—
Report.
RCW 28A.195.070 Official transcript withholding –
Transmittal of information
RCW 28A.225.151 Reports.
RCW 28A.225.330 Enrolling students from other districts –
Requests for information and permanent records – Withheld
transcripts – Immunity from liability – Notification to
teachers and security personnel – Rules
RCW 28A.230.120 High school diplomas – Issuance –
Option to receive final transcripts –Notice
RCW 28A.230.180 Educational and career opportunities in
the military, student access to information on, when
RCW 28A.600.475 Exchange of information with law
enforcement and juvenile court officials – Notification of
parents and students.
RCW 28A.605.030 Student education records – Parental
review—release of records—Procedure.
RCW 28A.635.060 Defacing or injuring school property –
Liability of pupil, parent or guardian – Withholding grades,
diploma, or transcripts – Suspension and restitution –
Voluntary work program as alternative – Rights protected
RCW 40.24.030 Address Confidentiality Program –
Application – Certification
RCW 70.02.220 Sexually transmitted diseases—Permitted
and mandatory disclosures
RCW 70.02.240 Mental health services—Minors—Permitted
disclosures
RCW 70.02.265 Adolescent behavioral health services—
Disclosure of treatment information and records—Restrictions
and requirement—Immunity from liability
Chapter 246-105 WAC Immunization of child care and school
children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases
Chapter 392-172A WAC Rules for the provision of special
education
Chapter 392-182 WAC Student Health Records
Chapter 392-415-WAC Secondary Education- standardized
high school transcript
WAC 181-87-093 Failure to assure the transfer of student
record information or student records
WAC 392-121-182 Alternative learning experience
requirements
WAC 392-122-228 Alternative learning experiences for
juvenile students incarcerated in adult jail facilities

WAC 392-500-025 Pupil tests and records — Tests— School district policy in writing

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2010 - February Issue
2003 - December Issue
2001 - April Issue

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