

NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

Any student who resides outside the district may apply to attend a school in the district or file the parental declaration of the intent to provide home-based instruction and enroll for ancillary services, if any. All applications for nonresident attendance or home-based instruction will be considered on an equal basis. The district shall provide information on interdistrict enrollment policies to nonresidents on request and have copies of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's annual information booklet on enrollment options in the state available for public inspection at each school building, the central office and local public libraries.

A parent or guardian shall apply for admission on behalf of his or her child by completing the appropriate district application. The superintendent shall develop an application form which contains information including, but not limited to, the current legal residence of the child and the school district in which he or she is currently enrolled or receiving home-based instruction, the basis for requesting release from the resident district and the specific building and grade level (elementary) or course offerings (secondary) in which the student desires to be enrolled if accepted by the district.

The superintendent will accept or reject an application for nonresident admission based upon the following standards:

- A. Whether space is available in the grade level or classes at the building in which the student desires to be enrolled;
- B. Whether appropriate educational programs or services are available to improve the student's condition as stated in requesting release from his or her district of residence; and
- C. Whether the student's attendance in the district is likely to create a risk to the health or safety of other students or staff.
- D. Whether the district has already accepted as many nonresident students for the school year as permitted by this policy.
- E. Whether the student's disciplinary records indicate a history of violent or disruptive behavior or gang membership (a gang means a group of three or more persons with identifiable leadership that on an ongoing basis regularly conspires and acts in concert mainly for criminal purposes).
- F. Whether the student has been expelled or suspended from a public school for more than ten consecutive days, or has a series of short term suspensions which total more than ten days.

If the non-resident student is the child of a full-time certificated or classified school employee the superintendent shall accept the transfer request unless the nonresident student:

- A. Has a history of convictions, violent or disruptive behavior, or gang membership;
- B. Has been expelled or suspended from school for more than ten consecutive days; or

- C. Enrollment of a child would displace a child who is a resident of the district, (the child must be permitted to remain enrolled until he or she completes his or her schooling).
- D. Whether the student has been expelled or suspended from a public school for more than ten consecutive days, or has a series of short term suspensions which total more than ten days.

A student who resides in a district that does not operate a secondary program shall be permitted to enroll in secondary schools in this district in accordance with state law and regulation relating to the financial responsibility of the resident district.

The superintendent in a timely manner shall provide all applicants with written notification of the approval or denial of the application. If the student is to be admitted, the superintendent shall notify the resident district and make necessary arrangements for the transfer of student records.

If the application is denied, the parent or guardian may petition the Superintendent or his / her designee, for review of the decision.

The final decision of the district to deny the admission of a nonresident student may be appealed to the superintendent of public instruction or his or her designee.

Lack of academic effort, poor attendance, tardiness, or discipline problems shall provide just cause for the district to return a student to his / her home district at any time.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school — Tuition
	RCW 28A.225.240	Appeal from certain decisions to deny student's request to attend nonresident district — Apportionment of credit
	RCW 28A.225.290	Enrollment options information booklet
	RCW 28A.225.300	Enrollment options information to parents
	C 36 L 03	Enrolling Children of Certificated and Classified School Employees
	WAC 392-137	Finance — Nonresident attendance

Management Resources:

<i>Policy News</i> , September 1999	School safety bills impact policy
<i>Policy News</i> , June 2003	Enrolling children of School Employees

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