

## NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

Consistent with Chapter 28A.225 RCW, anyAny 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 inter-district enrollment policies to nonresidents on request. The district will not charge any transfer fees or tuition costs for enrolling eligible nonresident students.

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.

A student who resides in a district that does not operate a secondary program will 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.

Eligibility of transfer students to participate in extra-curricular activities shall be subject to the rules of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association.

### Standards for accepting or rejecting an application

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

- ~~A. \_\_\_\_\_ A. \_\_\_\_\_ Whether space is available in the grade level, classes, or programs at the requested building in which the student desires to be enrolled has the capacity for additional students; ~~Space availability for the following school year will be considered for returning nonresident students beginning May 15<sup>th</sup> of each school year. Space availability for the following school year will be considered for new nonresident students beginning July 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications received outside of these timelines will be rejected and placed on a waiting list until space availability can be measured in accordance with the timelines above.~~~~
- B. Whether accepting the students would create result in the district experiencing a significant financial hardship for the district; ("Financial hardship" does not include routine programmatic costs associated with serving additional disabled or non-disabled students.);
- C. 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; ~~significant changes in services, settings, programs, or placements will be required of the district.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_ Whether the student's attendance in the district is likely to create a risk to the health or safety of other students or staff.~~

~~ED. Whether the student's disciplinary records or other documentation 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 a ongoing basis regularly conspires or acts in concert mainly for criminal purposes); or the student has a record of convictions for offenses or crimes.~~

~~FE. Whether the student has been expelled or suspended from a public school for more than 10 consecutive school days, in which case the student may apply for admission under the district's policy for readmission and reengagement of suspended or expelled students; and.~~

~~GF. Whether the student is currently under a suspension or expulsion from public school enrollment of a nonresident student would conflict with a district innovation academy cooperative under 28A.340.080.~~

#### Admission or denial: Notice of decision and appeal of decision

~~\_\_\_\_\_ H. \_\_\_\_\_ Whether the information on the application is complete or has been misrepresented.~~

~~Except for students who reside out of state, nonresident students of full-time certificated and/or classified school employees shall be accepted 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 10 consecutive days;   
or~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_\_ Initial enrollment of a child would displace a resident student; however, once the child is admitted, that child may remain enrolled until he or she completes schooling.~~

~~If a nonresident student is accepted, the student or the student's parent(s) or guardian is responsible for providing transportation for the student.~~

~~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 shall provide all applicants with written notification of the approval or denial of a nonresident student's enrollment the application within 45 calendar days of receipt in a timely manner. If the student is to be admitted, the superintendent shall notify the resident district and make necessary arrangements for the transfer of student records.

~~The acceptance of a student is for the period of time stated in the letter informing the student's family of the acceptance, and in no case shall be greater than one school year. Applications must~~

~~be renewed prior to enrollment for a subsequent school year. Acceptance may be revoked for conditions stated in the letter.~~

~~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 Superintendent will notify the parent or guardian of the reason(s) for denial and the right to petition the board of directors, upon five business day<sup>2</sup>s prior notice, for review of the decision and to have a hearing before the board at its next regular meeting. Following the hearing by the board, a final decision will be promptly communicated to the parent in writing.

~~The final decision of the district to deny the admission of a nonresident student may be appealed to appeal the decision to the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee. See WAC 392-137-190, pursuant to the process detailed in RCW 28A.224.230(3).~~

~~Eligibility of transfer students to participate in co-curricular activities shall be subject to the rules of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association.~~

#### **Children of full-time employees**

1. Pursuant to RCW 28A.225.225, a nonresident student who is the child of a full-time certificated or classified employee will be permitted to enroll:

- a. At the school to which the employee is assigned;
- b. At a school forming the district's kindergarten through twelfth grade continuum which includes the school to which the employee is assigned; or
- c. At a school in the district that provides early intervention services pursuant to RCW 28A.155.065 and/or preschool services pursuant to RCW 28A.155.070, if the student is eligible for such services.

2. The district may reject the application of a student who is the child of a full-time employee if:

- a. Disciplinary records or other evidence supports a conclusion that the student has a history of convictions, violent or disruptive behavior or gang membership; or
- b. -The student has been expelled or suspended from a public school for more than ten consecutive days (however, the district's policies for allowing readmission of expelled or suspended students and the required reengagement procedures under this rule must apply uniformly to both resident and nonresident applicants seeking admission, pursuant to RCW 28A.225.225(2)(b)); or
- c. Enrollment of the nonresident child would displace a child who is a resident of the district.

3. If a nonresident student is the child of a full-time employee and has been enrolled under Section 1 above, the student must be permitted to remain enrolled at the same school or in the district's kindergarten through twelfth grade continuum until:

- a. The student completes their schooling; or

b. The student has repeatedly failed to comply with requirements for participation in an online school program, such as participating in weekly direct contact with the teacher or monthly progress evaluations.

Cross References:	Board Policy	<del>3120</del>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Legal References:	RCW	28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school-- Tuition
		<del>28A.225.225</del>	<u>Applications from nonresident students or students receiving home-based instruction to attend district school — School employees' children — Acceptance and rejection standards — Notification</u>
		28A.225.240	<del>Appeal from certain decisions to deny student's request to attend nonresident district--</del> Apportionment of credit
		28A.225.290	Enrollment options information booklet
		28A.225.300	Enrollment options information to parents
	WAC	392-137	Finance--Nonresident attendance
		<del>392-137-040</del>	<del>District policies--Procedures and criteria for release of resident students and admission of nonresident students</del>
		<del>392-137-055</del>	<del>Appeal notice</del>

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