

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 or re-admission based upon any of the following standards and /or conditions:

1. Whether space is available in the grade level or classes at the building in which the student desires to be enrolled;
2. 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;
3. Whether the student's attendance in the district is likely to create a risk to the health or safety of other students or staff;
4. Whether the district has already accepted as many nonresident students for the school year because accepting any more nonresident students would result in a financial hardship for the district;
5. Whether the student has been absent for 15 or more days in the preceding or current school year;
6. Whether the student has maintained a GPA of 2.0 or better in non-resident school;
7. Whether the student has a history of disciplinary referrals to the office;
8. Whether the student has a history of unpaid fines or fees;

9. 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);
10. Whether the student has been expelled or suspended from a public school for more than ten consecutive days, in which case the student may apply for admission under the district's policy for re-admission of expelled students.

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 superintendent will notify the parent or guardian of the right to petition the board, upon five-school business day'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 shall 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 the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee.

Cross References:	Board Policy 3120	Enrollment
	RCW 28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts,
		Agreements for attending school tuition
	28A.225.240	Appeal from certain decisions to
		deny student's request to attend non-resident
		district – Apportionment of credit
	28A.225.290	Enrollment options information booklet
	28A.225.300	Enrollment options information to parents
	WAC 392-137	Finance – Nonresident attendance
	392-137-040	District policies – Procedures and criteria for
		release of resident students and admission
		of nonresident students
	392-137-055	Appeal notice

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