

TRANSFERS

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2 District Attendance Area Transfers

3 Each student in the district is required to attend the school designated for the geographic attendance
4 area in which he or she resides.

5 A parent or guardian may request that his or her child be allowed to attend another school in the dis-
6 trict. Requests must be submitted, in writing, to the principal of the building at which the student is
7 currently assigned. Secondary students who request attendance area transfers are subject to the
8 Washington Interscholastic Activities Association's eligibility rules.

9 Transfers may be granted if:

10 A. A financial, educational, safety, or health condition affecting the student would be reasonably im-
11 proved as a result of the transfer;

12 B. Attendance at another school in the district is more accessible to the parent's place of work or to
13 the location of childcare; or

14 There is some other special hardship or detrimental condition affecting the student or the student's
15 immediate family which would be alleviated as a result of the transfer. Special hardship or detri-
16 mental condition may include a student who moves to a new attendance area in the district during
17 the school year. The student may elect to transfer at the time of the move or at the end of the se-
18 mester or grading period. For a high school sophomore or junior, transfers may only be approved
19 to coincide with the beginning of a new grading period. A senior may elect to finish the school
20 year without transferring to a new school but must declare his or her preference prior to the begin-
21 ning of the last semester.

22 The principal of the currently assigned school shall consult with the principal of the school to
23 which the student desires to transfer to determine:

- 24 1. Whether space is available in the grade level or classes at the building in which the student
25 desires to be enrolled;
- 26 2. Whether appropriate transportation, educational programs or services are available to improve
27 the student's condition as stated in requesting the transfer; and
- 28 3. Whether the student's transfer is likely to create a risk to the health or safety of other students
29 or staff at the new building.

30 Transfers must be granted if the student is a child of a full-time certificated or classified school em-
31 ployee unless:

32 A. The student has a history of convictions, violent or disruptive behavior, or gang membership;

33 B. The student has been expelled or suspended from school for more than ten consecutive days; or

34 C. Enrollment of a non-resident child would displace a child who is a resident of the district (the res-
35 ident child must be permitted to remain enrolled until he or she completes his or her schooling).

36 Parents shall be informed annually of the district's attendance area transfer option. The district shall
37 make available for public inspection the Superintendent of Public Instruction's annual information
38 booklet on enrollment options in the state at each school building, the central office and local public
39 libraries. This information will also be available on the website of the Superintendent of Public In-
40 struction.

1 **Reporting Transfers out of the District**

2 When students move out of the district without notification of where they will be enrolling once they
3 have moved, it can be challenging to know how to report the transfer appropriately and ensure the
4 student’s educational records are forwarded. To address these challenges, the district will follow the
5 Comprehensive Education Data and Research System (CEDARS) Reporting Guidance for reporting
6 students as confirmed or unconfirmed transfers both inside and outside of Washington.

7 To confirm the transfer of a student who has emigrated to another country, the district will obtain
8 written confirmation, but need not obtain an “official” writing. This means that if a parent informs a
9 school administrator that the family is leaving the country and a school administrator documents the
10 conversation in writing and includes it in the student’s file, the district may report the out of country
11 transfer as confirmed. However, the district will not report a transfer as confirmed if information that
12 a student has moved is reported from a student’s friend rather than a parent.

13 **Cross References:**

14	Legal References:	RCW 28A. 225.225	Applications from nonresident students or
15			students receiving home-based instruction
16			to attend district school-School
17			employees’ children-Acceptance and
18			rejection standards-Notification
19		28A.225.270	Intradistrict enrollment options policies
20		28A.225.300	Enrollment options information to parents
21		28A.225.290	Enrollment options information booklet
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25	Management Resources:	2020 – May Issue	
26		2020 – April Issue	
27		<i>Policy News</i> , June 2003	Enrolling Children of School Employees
28		CEDARS Guidance, available on OSPI website	222.k12.wa.us/data-
29			reporting/reporting/cedars
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