

WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #416
BOARD POLICY

No. 3141

3000 STUDENTS

Admission and Attendance

3141 - Nonresident Students

Any student who resides outside the White River School District may apply to attend a school in the district or file the parental declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction and enroll for ancillary services, if any. All applications for nonresident attendance will be considered on an equal basis.

A parent or guardian shall apply for admission on behalf of his or her child by completing the appropriate district application and obtaining a release or Choice Transfer from the child's resident school district. The application form will contain information including, but not limited to, the current legal resident 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 in which the student desires to be enrolled if accepted by the district.

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

Standards for Accepting or Rejecting an Application

The Superintendent and/or his or her designee will accept or reject an application for nonresident admission based upon the following standards:

- 1) Available space in the grade level or classes at the building in which the student desires to be enrolled.
- 2) Available appropriate educational programs or services to address the student's situation as stated in the approved 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 student's disciplinary records indicate a history of violent or disruptive behavior or gang membership (a gang means a group of three or more person with identifiable leadership that on an ongoing basis regularly conspires and acts in concert mainly for criminal purposes);
- 5) 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 readmission of suspended or expelled students.

The Superintendent and/or his or her designee shall provide all applicants with written notification of the approval or denial of the application in a timely manner. If the student is to be admitted, the superintendent or the superintendent's designee will notify the resident district and make necessary arrangement for the transfer of student records.

In all cases where the district approves attendance by a nonresident student, the parent or guardian will be responsible for transportation to the appropriate school in the White River School District.

If the application is denied, the Superintendent or his or her designee will notify the parent or guardian of the right to petition the Board, within five school days from notice, for the purpose of reviewing the decision and having 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 or guardian 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.

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 3120	Enrollment
Legal References:	RCW 28A.225.220 RCW 28A.225.225 RCW 28A.225.240 RCW 28A.225.290 RCW 28A.225.300 WAC 392-137	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school — Tuition Applications from nonresident students or students receiving home-based instruction to attend district school – School employees’ children – Acceptance and rejection standards - Notification Appeal from certain decisions to deny student’s request to attend nonresident district — Apportionment of credit Enrollment options information booklet Enrollment options information to parents Finance — Nonresident attendance
Management Resources:	<i>Policy News</i> , September 1999 <i>Policy News</i> , June 2003 2015 October Policy Issue	School safety bills impact policy Enrolling children of school employees