

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

Records from Choice Transfer student's previous school(s), with the exception of homeless students, will be requested and reviewed prior to accepting the non-resident student. Such records may include current attendance records, discipline records, current transcript/report cards, and current IEP or 504 if applicable. The Superintendent and/or his or her designee will accept or reject an application for nonresident admission based upon the following standards:

- 1) Whether acceptance of a nonresident student would result in the district experiencing significant financial hardship ("financial hardship" does not include routine programmatic costs associated with serving additional disabled or non-disabled students);
- 2) Whether adequate classroom space, facilities, and staff are available in the grade level or classes at the building in which the student desires to be enrolled;
- 3) Whether appropriate educational programs or services are available to improve the student's condition as stated in requesting release from his/her district of residence;
- 4) Whether the student has maintained a record of satisfactory academic progress, including appropriate grade level placement for age;

- 5) Whether the student has demonstrated a pattern of non-attendance or truancy in their previous educational setting;
- 6) Whether the student's attendance in the district is likely to create a risk to the health or safety of other students or staff;
- 7) Whether the student's disciplinary records or other documentation indicate a history of convictions for offenses or crimes, 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);
- 8) 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.

Termination of Choice Transfer

Enrollment of a non-resident student can be terminated under any of the following conditions:

1. If, after the Choice Transfer application was approved, the information is found to be incomplete or has changed, and/or the information was materially misrepresented on the application.
2. If the student is expelled or suspended for more than ten (10) consecutive days from the district or any district school or program under the usual disciplinary process.
3. If the student is excessively tardy or truant.
4. If the student engages in frequent misconduct and/or disruptive behavior in violation of school rules (that indicates the student is not being successful in the school or program).
5. If the student does not maintain a record of satisfactory academic progress, including appropriate grade level placement for age.

6. In the event that overcrowding occurs in the student's classroom or grade level, the District reserves the right to rescind the transfer.

Before the Choice Transfer is terminated under this provision, the student and parent/guardian will be notified in writing that the student's continued attendance in the district is in jeopardy. Should the District choose to revoke the waiver at any time, the parent(s) will be notified in writing of the reason for the waiver being rescinded and their right to appeal. During any appeal procedure, the student may remain in their previously approved placement until the appeal is resolved at the superintendent's level unless revocation is a result of suspension or expulsion. In such circumstances, the student may return to his/her previously approved placement at the conclusion of the expulsion or suspension under the disciplinary process if the waiver appeal has not yet been resolved.

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	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school — Tuition
	RCW 28A.225.225	Applications from nonresident students or students receiving home-based instruction to attend district school – School employees’ children – Acceptance and rejection standards - Notification
	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
	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
	2015 October Policy Issue	