

## STUDENTS

### RELEASE OF RESIDENT STUDENTS

A student who resides within the boundaries of the district shall be released to: 1) attend another school district, or 2) enroll for ancillary services, if any, in another district as specified in the parental declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction, provided the other district agrees to accept the student if:

- A. A financial, educational, safety or health condition affecting the student would be reasonably improved as a result of the transfer;
- B. Attendance at the school in the nonresident district is more accessible to the parent's place of work or to the location of child care; or
- C. There is some other special hardship or detrimental condition affecting the student or the student's immediate family which would be alleviated as a result of the transfer. Special hardship or detrimental condition includes, a student who becomes a resident of the district in mid-year may apply for a release to complete the current school year only in his or her former district of residence, if transferring mid-year would create a special hardship or detrimental condition.

In all cases in which a resident student is released, the student or the student's parent(s) shall be solely responsible for transportation, except that a student may ride on an established district bus route if the superintendent determines that the district would incur no additional cost.

A parent or guardian shall request the release of his/her child by completing the appropriate district form including the basis for the request and the signature of the superintendent, or his or her designee, of the school district which the student will attend.

The superintendent shall grant or deny the request for release according to the established above-stated criteria, and promptly notify the parent in writing of his/her decision. The district may deny the request of a resident student to transfer to a nonresident district if the release would adversely affect the district's existing desegregation plan.

If the request is granted, the superintendent *shall* notify the nonresident district and make necessary arrangements for the transfer of student records.

If the request is denied, the superintendent shall notify the parent of the right to petition the board at its next regularly scheduled meeting, upon five school business days 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.

If the request for release is denied by the board, the written decision shall inform the parent or guardian of the right to appeal such decision to the superintendent of public instruction.

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### **RELEASE OF RESIDENT STUDENTS (continued)**

A student who has dropped out of high school for six weeks or longer, or has returned from participation in a substance abuse treatment program, or is about to become or is a teen parent, or has returned from hospitalization due to a mental health problem may attend any other high school in the state provided he/she is accepted by the non-resident high school.

#### Legal References:

RCW 28A.225.220 Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school--  
Tuition

RCW 28A.225.230 Appeal from certain decisions to deny student's request to attend nonresident  
district--Procedure

RCW 28A.225.290 Enrollment options information booklet

RCW 28A.225.300 Enrollment options information to parents

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