

NON-RESIDENT 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 non-resident attendance or home-based instruction will be considered on an equal basis. The district will provide information on interdistrict enrollment policies to non-residents 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 the central office.

A parent or guardian will apply for admission on behalf of his or her child by completing the appropriate application form from their home district, including the basis for the request and a signature of the superintendent/designee of the school district in which they reside. This will be done on an annual basis for continued enrollment.

The superintendent will accept or reject an application for non-resident admission based upon the following standards:

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 student's disciplinary records 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 persons 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 expelled students; and
6. Whether the student has demonstrated a pattern of short-term suspensions, frequent discipline issues, and/or attendance issues.
7. Acceptance of nonresident students may be allowed only if their attendance would not result in the District experiencing a financial hardship.

A student, who resides in a district that does not operate a secondary program, will 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 student must provide his/her own transportation or the student may ride a district school bus on a space available basis, with the understanding that bus routes will not be altered to accommodate the nonresident student.

Subsequent to the initial acceptance of a student from another district, the Riverview School District will, with the approval of the residing district, use an abbreviated process of letters of intent as application for continued attendance in Riverview School District.

School Employees' Children

The district shall accept application from non-resident students who are the children of full-time certificated and classified school employees, and those children shall be permitted to enroll:

- A. At the school to which the employee is assigned;
- B. At a school forming the district's K through 12 continuum which includes the school to which the employee is assigned; or
- C. At a school in the district that provides early intervention services or preschool services, if the student is eligible for such services.

The district may reject applications under this section if:

- A. The student's disciplinary records indicate a history of convictions for offenses or crimes, violent or disruptive behavior, or gang membership;
- B. The student has been expelled or suspended from a public school for more than ten consecutive days. Any policy allowing for readmission of expelled or suspended students under this subsection must apply uniformly to both resident and nonresident applicants; or
- C. Enrollment of a child under this section would displace a child who is a resident of the district. However, if a child is already admitted under this section, that child shall be permitted to remain enrolled at that school, or in that district's kindergarten through twelfth grade continuum, until he or she has completed his or her schooling.

Denial of Application

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

If the application is denied, the superintendent/designee will notify the parent or guardian of the right to petition the board, 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 will be promptly communicated to the parent in writing.

The final decision of the district to deny the admission of a non-resident student may be appealed to the superintendent of public instruction or his/her designee.

Cross Reference: P3020-1 International Exchange Students

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.225.225 Applications from non-resident students or students receiving home-based instruction to attend district school - Acceptance and rejection standards

28A.225.225 Enrolling Children of Certificated and Classified School Employees

28A.225.240 Apportionment of credit

28A.225.290 Enrollment options information booklet

28A.225.300 Enrollment options information to parents

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