

RELEASE OF RESIDENT STUDENTS

A student who resides within the boundaries of the district shall be released to attend school or 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:

1. A financial, educational, safety, or health condition affecting the student would be reasonably improved as a result of the transfer;
2. Attendance at the school in the nonresident district is more accessible to the parent's place of work or to the location of childcare; or
3. There is some special hardship or detrimental condition affecting the student or the student's immediate family that 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/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 (Exhibit 3140/3141) including the basis for the request and the signature of the superintendent or designee, of the school district that the student will attend.

The superintendent or designee shall grant or deny the request for release according to the above-stated criteria, and promptly notify the parent in writing of his/her decision.

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

If the application is denied, the superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/ guardian or eighteen- (18) year-old student of his/her right to petition the board to review the decision and to ask for a hearing before the board at its next regular meeting. A written request for board hearing must be made within five (5) school business days following receipt of the denial notice, addressed to the superintendent. Following the hearing by the board, a final decision shall be promptly communicated to the parent in writing.

If the board denies the request for release, the written decision shall inform the parent or guardian of the right to appeal the decision to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Resident parents shall be informed of interdistrict enrollment options annually. The district shall make available for public inspection the Superintendent of Public Instruction's annual information booklet on enrollment options in the state at each school building, the central office, and local public libraries.

Legal References: RCW 28A.225.220 Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school--Tuition
28A.225.230 Appeal from certain decisions to deny student's request to attend nonresident district--Procedure
28A.225.290 Enrollment options information booklet
28A.225.300 Enrollment options information to parents