

NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Consistent with [Chapter 28A.225 RCW](#), any student who resides outside the Olympia School 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 nonresident attendance or home-based instruction will be considered on an equal basis.

The Olympia School District Board of Directors annually will inform parents of the inter-district enrollment options and parental involvement opportunities. Information on inter-district acceptance policies will be provided to nonresidents on request. Providing online access to the information satisfies the requirements of this policy unless a parent/guardian specifically requests information to be provided in written form. The district will not charge any transfer fees or tuition costs for enrolling eligible nonresident students.

The Olympia School District must use the Standard Choice Transfer System in the Education Data System (EDS) to process those requests for student transfer enrollment into online or alternative learning experience programs or schools. This applies to Avanti, hConnect and iConnect.

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 regulations relating to the financial responsibility of the resident district.

STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTING OR REJECTING AN APPLICATION

The Executive Director of Elementary Education or the Executive Director of Secondary Education 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 in the grade level or class at the building where the student desires to be enrolled has the capacity for additional students;
3. Whether appropriate educational programs or services are available to improve the student’s condition as stated in requesting release from their district of residence;
4. Whether the student’s disciplinary records or other documentation indicate a history of 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 (10) consecutive school days, in which case the student may apply for admission under the district’s policy for readmission and re-engagement of suspended or expelled students; and

6. Whether 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.

ADMISSION OR DENIAL: Notice of Decision and Appeal of Decision

The Executive Director of Elementary Education or the Executive Director of Secondary Education will provide all applicants with written notification of the approval or denial of a nonresident student's enrollment application.

The parent/guardian may appeal the denial to the district's superintendent or designee. Within five (5) business days of receipt of the parent/guardian's appeal submission, the superintendent or designee will provide the parent/guardian with a written notification of the final appeal decision to either grant or deny the student's admittance into the district.

If the application is denied, the notification will include the reason(s) for denial and inform the parent/guardian of their right to appeal the district's denial decision to the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee as detailed in [RCW 28A.225.230](#).

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 where the employee is assigned;
 - b. At a school forming the district's kindergarten through twelfth grade continuum, which includes the school where the employee is assigned; The student remains enrolled until completing schooling; 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 (10) consecutive school business days (however, the district's policies for allowing readmission of expelled or suspended students and the required re-engagement 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. 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: 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 Apportionment credit

RCW 28A.225.290 Enrollment options information booklet RCW

28A.225.300 Enrollment options information to parent WAC 392-137

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