STUDENTS

Enrollment

The superintendent or designee will develop procedures for enrolling students, recording attendance behavior, and counseling and correcting students with attendance problems. When enrolling a student who has attended school in another school district, the parent or guardian and student will be required to briefly indicate in writing whether or not the student has:

A. Any history of placement in a special education program;

B. Any past, current or pending disciplinary actions;

C. Any history of violent behavior;

D. Adjudications or convictions described in RCW 13.04.155, which include violent offenses, sex offenses, firearm or dangerous weapons offenses, and controlled substance offenses;

E. Any unpaid fines or fees from other schools; and

F. Any health conditions affecting the student's educational needs.

The school enrolling the student shall request the student’s permanent record—including records of disciplinary action, history of violent behavior or behavior listed in RCW 13.04.155, attendance records, immunization records, and academic performance—from the school the student previously attended.

If the school principal about adjudications or convictions described in RCW 13.04.155, then he or she will follow the procedure described in Policy 3143 – Notification and Dissemination of Information about Student Offenses and Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm.

The district may require students or their parents or guardians to provide proof of residency within the district, such as copies of phone and water bills or lease agreements. The school district will not require proof of residency or any other information regarding an address for any student who is eligible by reason of age for the services of the district if the student does not have a legal residence. For students who meet the definition of homeless, the district will immediately enroll the student, including while any enrollment dispute is pending (see 3115 – Students Experiencing Homelessness - Enrollment Rights and Services).

The district will not inquire into a student’s citizenship or immigration status or that of their parents or guardians.

The district will conditionally accept applications, including electronic applications, for enrollment and course registration for a student of a military family transferred to, or is pending transfer to, a military installation within the state (see 2100 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children).
The request for enrollment may be made by the student, parent or guardian.

Since accurate enrollment and attendance records are essential both to obtain state financial reimbursement and to fulfill the district's responsibilities under attendance laws, the district will be diligent in maintaining such records.

Cross Reference:  
Policy 2100  Educational Opportunities for Students with a Parent in the Military  
Policy 2255  Alternative Learning Programs  
Policy 3115  Students Experiencing Homelessness – Enrollment Rights and Services  
Policy 3143  Notification and Dissemination of Information about Student Offenses and Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm

Legal References:  
RCW 28A.225.215  Enrollment of children without legal residences  
RCW 28A.225.216  Enrolling students from other districts -Requests for information and permanent records – Withheld transcripts – Immunity from liability – Notification to teachers and security personnel - Rules  
WAC 392-121-108  Definitions - Enrollment exclusions  
WAC 392-121-122  Definitions - Full-time equivalent students  
WAC 392-121-182  Alternative learning experience requirements  
WAC 392-169-022  Running Start student - Definition

Management Resources:  
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