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Admission of Non-Resident Students

Any student who resides outside the District may apply to attend a school in the District. All applications for non-resident attendance will be considered on an equal basis.

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

A parent or guardian will apply for admission on behalf of his or her student by completing the Choice Transfer application and submitting it to their home district. The District will be the sole determiner of the available enrollment capacity at each school for the upcoming school year. Such determinations will be made based on projected or actual enrollment and available staffing. In making these determinations, the District will consider: its commitment to provide comparable schools at each grade level; each school's ability to operate an effective and efficient educational program; and each school's physical capacity and enrollment projections.

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.

Standards for accepting applications or non-approval of an application

The Superintendent or designee will approve or disapprove an application for non-resident admission based upon the following criteria:

1. Whether acceptance of a non-resident 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 in which the student desires to be enrolled has the capacity for additional students;
3. Whether the District has space available in an appropriate program to serve a student with disabilities. In order to allow the District reasonable opportunity to make informed decisions regarding this criterion, applicants must provide information in connection with an application disclosing whether a student has a disability that requires special education or other individualized services;

4. Whether appropriate educational programs or services are available to improve the student's condition as stated in requesting release from his/her District of residence;
5. Whether the student has a history of violent or disruptive behavior (meaning behavioral incidents resulting in multiple days in which the student was suspended and/or expelled), convictions for offenses or crimes, 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); or
6. 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.

Children of employees

1. A non-resident student who is the child of a contracted certificated or classified employee will be permitted to enroll:
 - a. At the school to which the employee is assigned;
 - b. At a school forming the District's kindergarten through twelfth grade continuum (feeder pattern) which includes the school to which the employee is assigned; 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 contracted 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 consecutive days (however, the District's policies for allowing readmission of expelled or suspended students and the required reengagement procedures under this rule must apply uniformly to both resident and non-resident applicants seeking admission, pursuant to [RCW 28A.225.225\(2\)\(b\)](#)); or
3. If a non-resident student is the child of a contracted employee and has been enrolled under Section 1 above, the student must be permitted to remain enrolled at the same school or in the District's kindergarten through twelfth grade continuum until:
 - a. The student completes their schooling; or

- b. 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.

A variance may be denied and/or revoked if an applicant fails to provide or provides incomplete or inaccurate information requested by the District about whether a student has a disability requiring special education and/or other individualized services. A variance may also be revoked if the student has problems with attendance, tardiness, early dismissals, discipline or if continued enrollment poses a risk to the health or safety of other students, staff or self. Falsification of records or documentation on the application may also result in revocation. Admission of a non-resident student operates for no more than the applicable school year, and non-resident students must apply for admission for each subsequent school year for which they seek to attend District schools.

The Superintendent or designee in a timely manner shall provide all applicants with written notification of the approval or denial of the application.

Cross Reference: Policy 3121 Enrollment

Legal References: RCW 28A.225.220 Adults, children from other districts, agreements for Attending school - Tuition
 RCW 28A.225.225 Applications from non-resident 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
 28A.225.290 Enrollment options information booklet
 28A.225.300 Enrollment options information to parents
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