

Northshore School District

BOARD POLICY

No. 3141

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STUDENTS

Nonresident Students

Any student who resides outside the district may apply to attend a school in the district. All applications for nonresident attendance will be considered on an equal basis within the parameters of this policy and state law. The district shall provide information on inter-district enrollment policies to nonresidents 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 each school building, the central office, and local public libraries.

A parent/guardian shall apply for admission on behalf of his or her child by submitting a signed release form from the resident district which contains information including, but not limited to, the current legal residence of the child and the school district in which he/she is currently enrolled, the basis for requesting release from the resident district and the specific building and grade level (elementary) or course offerings (secondary) in which the student desires to be enrolled if accepted by the district.

The Director of Student Services will accept or reject an application for nonresident admission based upon the following criteria:

- A. Whether space is available in the school, grade level, program and/or classes at the building in which the student desires to be enrolled.
- B. Whether the student's enrollment would create or contribute to an inequitable distribution of students within the district.
- C. 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.
- D. Whether the student's attendance in the district is likely to create a risk to the health or safety of other students or staff.
- E. Whether acceptance would result in the district experiencing a financial hardship.
- F. Whether the student has been expelled or suspended from a public school for more than ten consecutive days.

- G. Whether the student has maintained a satisfactory attendance record.
- H. Whether the applicant has relied upon erroneous information provided by the district regarding whether the student resides in the district.
- I. Whether the student is the child of a district employee subject to RCW 28A.225.225.

A student who resides in a district that does not operate a secondary program shall 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.

A student who has dropped out of high school for six weeks or longer, or has returned from participation in a substance abuse treatment program, or is about to become or is a teen parent, or has returned from hospitalization due to a mental health problem, may attend high school in the district regardless of residence. Such a student will be admitted provided that appropriate educational programs are available to accommodate the needs of the student. Consideration will be given to student needs, school and program capacity and other individual concerns.

The district shall provide to all applicants written notification of the approval or denial of the application within forty-five calendar days of receipt or the application will be deemed to have been denied. If an application is rejected, the notification shall include the reason or reasons for denial, the right to request an informal conference with the superintendent/designee to reconsider the denial, and the right to appeal to the Superintendent of Public Instruction under RCW 28A.225.225(4).

Legal References:

RCW 28A.225.220 Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school—
Tuition

RCW 28A.225.225(4) 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 Appeal from certain decisions to deny student's request to attend nonresident district—Apportionment of credit

RCW 28A.225.290 Enrollment options information booklet

RCW 28A.225.300 Enrollment options information to parents

WAC 392-137-020 Non resident students under the age of twenty-one--Mutual agreement between resident and nonresident district required

WAC 392-137 Finance—Nonresident attendance

C 36 L 03 Enrolling Children of Certificated and Classified School Employees

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