
STUDENTS - ELIGIBLE STUDENTS: LEGAL SETTLEMENT

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Westfield Washington Schools (“WWS”) shall enroll only those students who have legal settlement in WWS’s geographic boundary, who qualify for enrollment under this policy, or qualify for an exception to legal settlement under Indiana law. A student’s legal settlement will be determined under applicable Indiana law.

Children of WWS Employees

WWS may enroll a student without legal settlement if:

1. The student is a foreign exchange student assigned to WWS by one of Westfield High School’s approved exchange programs.
2. The student’s parent is a current employee of WWS, including contracted employees of SFE, SSC and Riverview Health assigned to WWS;
3. With an annual salary of at least eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) or three thousand dollars (\$3,000) earned due to being included as an employee in the extracurricular portion of the transferee school corporation’s current collective bargaining agreement;
4. The student’s parent resides in Indiana; and
5. WWS has capacity to accept the student.

Nonpublic School Transfer Student

WWS may enroll a transferring student who resides in Indiana and who does not have legal settlement in if:

1. The student attended an accredited nonpublic elementary school located in the attendance area of WWS for at least two (2) school years immediately preceding the school year in which the student transfers to a high school in WWS under this section;
2. The student is transferring because the accredited nonpublic school from which the student is transferring does not offer grades 9 through 12;
3. The majority of the students in the same grade as the transferring student at the accredited nonpublic school have legal settlement in WWS and will attend a school under the authority of WWS; and
4. WWS has the capacity to accept students.

If the number of students requesting enrollment exceeds WWS's capacity, the Board shall determine which student will be admitted by a random drawing at a public meeting.

Changes in Legal Settlement during the Academic Year

Upon election by the parent, a student whose legal settlement changes after the student has begun the school year at WWS may continue attending WWS until the end of that trimester. After the end of the trimester, the student is required to enroll in their new school corporation of legal settlement.

Further, if a student has completed grade 11 in WWS and subsequently his or her legal settlement changes, the student may at the request of the parent, complete grade 12 at WWS.