ON-TIME GRADE LEVEL PROGRESSION AND GRADUATION

To the extent practical and as required by law, the district will work with homeless students, foster students, students who are the subject of a dependency proceeding, at-risk youth or children in need of services, and students who are in or have been released from an institutional education facility and their families to provide them with equal access to the same free, appropriate education (including public preschool education) provided to other students. Special attention will be given to ensuring the identification, enrollment, and attendance of students not currently attending school, as well as mitigating educational barriers to their academic success. Additionally, the district will take reasonable steps to ensure that students are not stigmatized or segregated in a separate school or in a separate program within a school on the basis of their status.

Facilitating on-time grade level progression
The district will: 1) waive specific courses required for graduation for homeless students, foster students, students who are the subject of a dependency proceeding, at-risk youth or children in need of services, and students who are in or have been released from an institutional education facility if similar coursework has been satisfactorily completed in another school district; or 2) provide reasonable justification for denial of the waiver. In the event the district denies a waiver and the student would have qualified to graduate from their sending school district, the district will provide an alternative process of obtaining required coursework so that the student may graduate on time.

The district will consolidate partial credit, unresolved, or incomplete coursework and will provide students with opportunities to accrue credit in a manner that eliminates academic and nonacademic barriers for the student.

For students who have been unable to complete an academic course and receive full credit due to withdrawal or transfer, the district will grant partial credit for coursework completed before the date of the withdrawal or transfer. When the district receives a transfer student in these circumstances, it will accept the student’s partial credits, apply them to the student’s academic progress or graduation or both, and allow the student to earn credits regardless of the student’s date of enrollment in the district.

In the event a student is transferring at the beginning of or during their junior or senior year of high school and is ineligible to graduate after all alternatives have been considered, the district will work with the sending district to ensure the awarding of a diploma from the sending district if the student meets the graduation requirements of the sending district.

In the event a student enrolled in three or more school districts as a high school student, has met state requirements, has transferred to the district, but is ineligible to graduate from the district after all alternatives have been considered, the district will waive its local requirements and ensure that the student receives a diploma.

Cross References:
3120 - Enrollment
3231 - Student Records
2162 – Waiver of High School Graduation Credits

Legal References:
RCW 28A.320.142 Unaccompanied youth – Building point of contact – Duty of District
RCW 28A.225.215 Enrollment of children without legal residences
RCW 28A.320.192 On-time grade level progression and graduation of students who are homeless, subject to a dependency proceeding, at-risk youth or children, or have been released from an institutional education facility—Rules.
RCW 28A.190.005 “Institutional education facility” means residential habilitation and child study and treatment centers operated by the department of social and health services, state long-term juvenile institutions operated by the department of children, youth, and families, state-operated community facilities, county juvenile detention centers, and facilities of the department of corrections that incarcerate juveniles committed as adults.
RCW 28A.320.145 Support for homeless students.
42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
Chapter 28A.320 RCW Provisions applicable to all districts (new section created by 3SHB 1682, 2016 legislative session)

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