Release of Resident Students

A student who resides within the boundaries of the district will be released to 1) attend another school district, or 2) enroll for ancillary services, if any, in another district as specified in the parental declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction, provided the other district agrees to accept the student if:

A. A financial, educational, safety or health condition affecting the student would be reasonably improved as a result of the transfer;
B. Attendance at the school in the nonresident district is more accessible to the parent's place of work or to the location of child care;
C. There is some other special hardship or detrimental condition affecting the student or the student's immediate family which would be alleviated as a result of the transfer. Special hardship or detrimental conditions include a student who becomes a resident of the district in mid-year. Such a student may apply for a release to complete the current school year only in his or her former district of residence, if transferring mid-year would create a special hardship or detrimental condition.; or
D. The student is a child of a full-time certificated or classified school employee.

In all cases in which a resident student is released, the student or the student's parent(s) will be solely responsible for transportation, except that a student may ride on an established district bus route if the superintendent determines that the district would incur no additional cost.

A parent or guardian will request the release of his/her child by completing the appropriate district form including the basis for the request and the signature of the superintendent, or his or her designee, of the school district which the student will attend.

The superintendent will grant or deny the request for release according to the above-stated criteria, and promptly notify the parent in writing of his/her decision.

If the request is granted, the superintendent will notify the nonresident district and make necessary arrangements for the transfer of student records.

If the request is denied, the superintendent will notify the parent of the right to petition the board, upon five school business days prior notice, for review of the decision and to have a hearing before the board at its next regular meeting. Following the hearing by the board, a final decision will be promptly communicated to the parent in writing.

If the request for release is denied by the board, the written decision will inform the parent or guardian of the right to appeal such decision to the superintendent of public instruction.

Each school district board of directors annually will inform parents of the district's interdistrict enrollment options and parental involvement opportunities. Information on interdistrict acceptance policies will be provided to nonresidents 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.

Legal References:
RCW 28A.225.220 Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school — Tuition
28A.225.225 Enrolling Children of Certificated and Classified School Employees
28A.225.230 Appeal from certain decisions to deny student's request to attend nonresident district — Procedure
28A.225.290 Enrollment options information booklet
28A.225.300 Enrollment options information to parents

Management Resources:
Policy News, June 2003 Enrolling Children of School Employees
Policy News, February 2001 Federal Budget Implicates Policy

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