

## NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

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- A. It is the policy of Mead School District No. 354 to accept applications for enrollment in its schools for non-resident students who meet the criteria set forth hereafter between June 1 and August 15 for the start of the upcoming school year. (If August 15 is a Saturday or Sunday the application window will be extended to the next regularly scheduled work day). For applications received after August 15<sup>th</sup>, evaluation for acceptance will be conducted after the first day of school.

The Mead School District welcomes non-resident students. Therefore, all requests for non-resident enrollment will be considered on an equal basis, except as noted herein.

- B. Non-resident students shall be considered for enrollment if the following conditions are met:
1. Space and necessary staff exist, as determined by the District, in the grade level and/or classes at the school in which the student desires enrollment.
  2. Appropriate educational programs or services are available to improve the student's "condition" as stated in the request for release from the district of residence.
  3. The parents/guardians assume full responsibility for adequate transportation and supervision of the student to and from school.
  4. The parents/guardians and student agree that should the school in which the student is enrolled become overloaded, the student will be subject to transfer according to applicable District policy/procedure.
  5. The parents/guardians and student agree that should the student violate the rules and regulations of Mead School District and such violation causes the student to be expelled or suspended the granted request of such student may be withdrawn and enrollment may be immediately terminated.
  6. The student must be released by his/her resident school district.
  7. Parents and students must abide by WIAA transfer rules for interscholastic activities.
  8. Accepting a student will not pose an undue financial hardship to Mead School District.
- C. The District reserves the right to deny the non-resident application of any student who has engaged in substantial misconduct or substantial disruption to the educational process. The superintendent or designee will reject an application for nonresident admission based on one or more of the following criteria:
1. Whether the student's disciplinary records indicate a history of violent or disruptive behavior 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).

2. 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 policy regarding re-admission of expelled or long-term suspended students.
  3. Whether the student's attendance in the district is likely to create a risk to the health or safety of other students or staff.
  4. Whether the enrollment of a nonresident student would displace a student who is a resident of the district.
  5. Whether there is a reasonable chance the student's attendance, citizenship and academic progress will be satisfactory, taking into account the records from the previous school.
- D. A continuing, nonresident student who is scheduled to complete his/her senior year shall have preferential enrollment rights as compared to other non-resident students, provided that the criteria set forth in this policy and procedure are met.
- E. A resident student requesting an intra-district transfer, pursuant to District Policy/Procedure 3131, shall be granted preference to a nonresident student's request for enrollment in such school.
- F. The enrollment of a nonresident student shall be for one (1) school year only. Granting of requests for continued nonresident enrollment will be made based upon the criteria set forth in this policy provided that the student/parents/guardians annually follow the requirements set forth in Policy 3141.
- G. Continuing enrollment may be contingent on subsequent parent conferences with the principal of the receiving school and compliance with any reasonable conditions regarding priority for participation in district programs of limited availability and district initiated school transfers, continued academic effort, regular attendance, safe transportation and conforming to school disciplinary standards set forth in writing to the parent/guardian and/or student or in district regulations.
- H. A student who resides in a school district that does not operate a secondary program shall be permitted to enroll in the Mead School District secondary school closest to their geographic location in accordance with state laws and regulations relating to the financial responsibility of the resident district.
- I. Continuing applications have priority over new applications.
- J. A student's acceptance may be revoked at any time for any of the reasons set forth in this policy.
- K. The following nonresident attendance arrangements and entitlements are exempt from the provisions of this policy:

- (a) Inter-district cooperation programs conducted in accordance with RCW 28A.335.160 or 28A.225.250 and WAC 392-135.
  - (b) Programs temporarily conducted on behalf of another district in accordance with RCW 28A.225.200.
- L. If there is insufficient space available at a particular school/grade level to accommodate all qualified non-resident students the following order of acceptance will be utilized:
- #1 - All qualified first consideration/priority (as defined herein) non-resident students.
  - #2 – All other qualified non-resident students in order of application date.
- M. The final decision of the district to deny the admission of a nonresident student may be appealed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee pursuant to the process detailed in RCW 28A.224.230(3).

### Children of Full-Time Employees

Pursuant to RCW 28A.225.225, a nonresident student who is the child of a full-time certificated or classified employee will be permitted to enroll:

1. At the school to which the employee is assigned.
2. At a school forming the district’s kindergarten through twelfth grade continuum which includes the school to which the employee is assigned; or
3. 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.15.070, if the student is eligible for such services.
4. For certificated and classified employees whose primary work location is not a school, at the school located within the attendance area for the primary work location or a school forming the district’s K-12 continuum for the attendance area of the employee’s primary work location. For purposes of this policy the term “primary work location” is the site the employee is ordinarily assigned to report for work duty.

The district may reject the application of a student who is the child of a full-time employee if:

1. Disciplinary records or other evidence supports a conclusion that the student has a history of convictions, violent or disruptive behavior or gang membership; or
2. 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 nonresident applicants seeking admission, pursuant to RCW 289A.225.225; or
3. Enrollment of the nonresident child would displace a child who is a resident of the district.

If a nonresident student is the child of a full-time employee and has been enrolled under the section above, the student must be permitted to remain enrolled at the same school or in the district’s kindergarten through twelfth grade continuum until:

1. The student completes their schooling; or

2. 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.

### Children of Part-Time Employees

Children of nonresident part-time district employees and nonresident full or part-time district contracted service providers, such as food services personnel, shall be allowed to enroll in the same manner as full-time employees (criteria set forth above) regardless of whether the district is open for enrollment to other nonresidents. This extension of the requirements of RCW 28A.225.225 (1) is necessary to attract and retain qualified personnel for the district's educational and support programs.

For purposes of this policy, part-time employees means only those employees who work on a regular basis and whose full-time equivalent (FTE) status entitles them to district or employer paid benefits as determined by the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Mead School District Human Services Department. Substitute, casual or seasonal employees are not included within this definition.

### Non-resident Children of Military Families

Nonresident children of military families entitled to nonresident admission under RCW 28A.225.217 shall be entitled to continued enrollment in the district under the terms of that statute.

### Non-resident Homeless Children

Nonresident homeless children entitled to attend school in the district under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act shall be entitled to continued enrollment in the district under the terms of that legislation and the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction Requirements and Guidance for Homeless Education.

Cross References:           3120 - Enrollment  
                                  3115 – Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services

Legal References:         RCW 28A.225.220 Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school — Tuition  
                                  RCW 28A.225.225 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 Apportionment credit  
                                  RCW 28A.225.290 Enrollment options information booklet  
                                  RCW 28A.225.300 Enrollment options information to parents  
                                  WAC 392-137 Finance — Nonresident attendance

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