
Student Records

The district will maintain those student records necessary for the educational guidance and/or welfare of students, for orderly and efficient operation of schools, and as required by law. All information related to individual students will be treated in a confidential and professional manner. The district will use reasonable methods to ensure that teachers and other school officials obtain access to only those education records for which they have legitimate educational interests. When information is released in compliance with state and federal law, the district and district employees are immune from civil liability unless they acted with gross negligence or in bad faith.

The district will retain records in compliance with the current, approved versions of the Local Government General Records Retention Schedule (CORE) and the School Districts and Educational Service Districts Records Retention Schedule, both of which are published on the Secretary of State's website at:

www.sos.wa.gov/archives/recordsretentionschedules.aspx.

Student records are the property of the district but will be available in an orderly and timely manner to students and parents. "Parent" includes the state Department of Social and Health Services when a minor student has been found dependent and placed in state custody. A parent or adult student may challenge any information in a student record believed inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student.

Student records will be forwarded to other school agencies upon request. A high school student may grant authority to the district, permitting prospective employers to review the student's transcript. Parental or adult student consent will be required before the district may release student records other than to a school agency or organization, except as otherwise provided by law.

A grades report, transcript, or diploma will not be released until a student has made restitution for damages assessed as a result of losing or damaging school materials or equipment. If a student has transferred to another school district that has requested the student's records, but the student has an outstanding fee or fine, only records pertaining to the student's academic performance, special placement, immunization history, discipline actions, official juvenile court records, and history of violence will be sent to the enrolling school. The content of those records will be communicated to the enrolling district within two school days and copies of the records will be sent as soon as possible. The official transcript will not be released until the outstanding fee or fine is discharged. The enrolling school will be notified that the official transcript is being withheld due to an unpaid fee or fine. However, for students who meet the definition of homeless, the district will make all the student's records readily available to the enrolling school regardless of outstanding fees or fines.

The superintendent will establish procedures governing the content, management, and control of student records.

Cross References:	2100 - Educational Opportunities for Students with a Parent in the Military
	3211 - Gender-Inclusive Schools
	3520 - Student Fees, Fines, or Charges
	4020 - Confidential Communications
	4040 - Public Access to District Records
	3115 - Students Experiencing Homelessness - Enrollment Rights and Services

Legal References:	42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
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20 U.S.C. ♦ 1232g Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
 CFR 34 , Part 99 Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
 Regulations
 RCW 28A.150.510 Transmittal of education records to
 DSHS—Disclosure of educational records—Data sharing
 agreements—Comprehensive needs requirement
 document—Report.
 RCW 28A.195.070 Official transcript withholding – Transmittal
 of information
 RCW 28A.225.151 Reports.
 RCW 28A.225.330 Enrolling students from other districts —
 Requests for information and permanent records — Withheld
 transcripts — Immunity from liability — Notification to
 teachers and security personnel — Rules
 RCW 28A.230.120 High school diplomas — Issuance — Option
 to receive final transcripts —Notice
 RCW 28A.230.180 Educational and career opportunities in the
 military, student access to information on, when
 RCW 28A.600.475 Exchange of information with law
 enforcement and juvenile court officials – Notification of
 parents and students.
 RCW 28A.605.030 Student education records – Parental
 review—release of records—Procedure.
 RCW 28A.635.060 Defacing or injuring school property —
 Liability of pupil, parent or guardian — Withholding grades,
 diploma, or transcripts — Suspension and restitution —
 Voluntary work program as alternative — Rights protected
 RCW 40.24.030 Address Confidentiality Program — Application
 — Certification
 Chapter 246-105 WAC Immunization of child care and school
 children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases
 Chapter 392-172A WAC Rules for the provision of special
 education
 Chapter 392-182 WAC Student Health Records
 Chapter 392-415-WAC Secondary Education- standardized
 high school transcript
 WAC 181-87-093 Failure to assure the transfer of student
 record information or student records
 WAC 392-121-182 Alternative learning experience
 requirements
 WAC 392-122-228 Alternative learning experiences for
 juvenile students incarcerated in adult jail facilities
 WAC 392-500-025 Pupil tests and records — Tests— School
 district policy in writing

Management Resources:

2018 - December 2018 - December Policy Issue
 Records Retention Schedule for School Districts and ESDs
 (updated 2014)
 2014 - December Issue
 2013 - February Issue
 2010 - February Issue

2003 - December Issue
2001 - April Issue

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