

NONRESIDENT (OUT-OF-DISTRICT) STUDENTS

Consistent with Chapter 28A.225 RCW, Any student who resides outside the Longview School District may apply to attend a school in the district; parent/guardian approval is required unless limited by other legal authority. All Applications for nonresident attendance will be considered on an equal basis.

Nonresident transfer applications will be accepted year-round. Students will be considered for placement on the semester basis. Applications for transfer into the district will be considered in the order received in the district office. Decisions will be made for semester placements after consultation of the receiving school principal and district office representative. In addition, the prospective school will contact the school of last attendance to assure that the most complete educational background for the applicant is considered.

The superintendent or designee shall develop an application form which contains information including, but not limited to, the current legal residence of the child and the school district in which he or she is currently enrolled, the reason for requesting release from the resident district and the specific building and grade level (elementary) or course offerings (secondary) in which the student desires to be enrolled.

Staff members may provide normal information about the programs of the school involved, but shall not engage in any form of recruiting related to academics, athletics and activities.

Homeless children will be allowed to attend school in the district in accordance with state law.

The superintendent or designee will accept or reject an application for nonresident admission based upon the following standards:

1. Whether space is available in the grade level, program, and/or courses at the building in which the student desires to be enrolled;
2. Whether appropriate educational programs or services are available to improve the student's condition as stated in requesting release from his or her district of residence; and
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 there is reasonable chance the student's attendance, citizenship, and academic progress will be unsatisfactory, taking into account the records from the student's previous school.
5. Whether the student participates in all state/district testing.
6. Whether acceptance of the student would result in the district experiencing a financial hardship.

7. 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).
8. Whether 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's policy for readmission of expelled students.
9. Children of full-time certificated and classified school employees must be allowed to enroll at a school where the employee is assigned or at a school in the district's K-12 continuum that includes the school to which the employee is assigned unless:
 - A. The student has a history of convictions, violent or disruptive behavior, or gang membership;
 - B. The student has been expelled or suspended from school for more than ten consecutive days; or
 - C. Enrollment of a child would displace a child who is a resident of the district (the child must be permitted to remain enrolled until he or she completes his or her schooling).

The acceptance of a student is for one school year according to the conditions listed on the Application for Attendance in Nonresident District form, and must be renewed prior to entering school during any subsequent year.

A student who resides in a district that does not operate a secondary program shall be permitted to enroll in secondary schools in this district in accordance with state law and regulation relating to the financial responsibility of the resident district.

A student who has returned from participation in a substance abuse treatment program, or is about to become or is a teen parent, or has returned from hospitalization due to a mental health problem may attend high school in the district regardless of residence. Such a student will be admitted provided that appropriate educational programs are available to accommodate the needs of the student.

Eligibility of transfer students for participation in extracurricular activities shall be subject to rules adopted by the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association and Longview School District eligibility policy 2151.

The superintendent or designee in a timely manner shall provide all applicants with written notification of the approval or denial of the application. The notification will take place at least one month prior to the start of the semester. If the student is to be admitted, the superintendent or designee shall notify the resident district and make necessary arrangements for the transfer of student records.

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

Cross Reference:

Board Policy 3120 Enrollment

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