

STUDENTS

Acceptance of Non-Resident Students (Inter-District)

Kennewick School District may honor the request of parents or guardians to enroll children from other districts other than those determined by resident. The district is not required to accept non-resident students. Kennewick School District may accept or deny a student from a non-resident district under the following conditions:

1. There is a financial, educational, safety or health condition; or
2. Age of child or accessibility to the parent or guardians' place of work or to the location of child care; or
3. There is a medical hardship or detrimental condition; and
4. Classrooms are not overloaded.

In the event that a release would adversely affect a district's existing desegregation plan, the district may deny a request for such release.

An annual transfer fee for non-resident students may be established. The fee shall be calculated using the same formula as authorized under the existing law.

Athletic participation will be allowed only if the student has received appropriate WIAA approval.

Parents shall complete all information on the transfer request form and submit to the Superintendent or designee. The request will be granted or denied according to the established above-stated criteria and parent(s) will be promptly notified.

If the recommendation is to deny the request, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents of their right to a hearing with the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Parents will be notified in writing within two weeks of the Board's decision. That decision may be appealed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Any denial of a request to accept a transfer student must be communicated to parents in writing. That decision is appealable to the SPI. The SPI decision can be appealed to superior court. The existing appeal right from a decision by the resident district not to release a student continues, but the newly enacted standards govern.

Existing cooperative agreements between school districts are not to be adversely affected by this act.

Policy No. 3131
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Legal Reference: RCW 28A.225.220 Adults, Children from Other Districts,
Agreement for Attending School – Tuition
RCW 28A.225.225 Application from Non-Resident Students or
Home-Based Students to attend Non-Resident
School
RCW 28A.225.230 Appeal for Certain Decisions to Deny Student's
Request to Attend Non-Resident District -
Procedure
RCW 28A.225.280 Transfer Students' Eligibility for Extra
Curricular Activities

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