

STUDENT SERVICES

NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

1. Students who live outside the District and wish to attend school in the Wenatchee School District must:
 - a. Apply for a release form from the District, in which they live and submit the approved form to the office of Director of Student Services.
 - b. Receive approval from the office of Director of Student Services.
 - c. Provide their own transportation to a designated location within the school's service area. An exception is noted for transportation of a transferring handicapped student if so required as a related service.
2. CHOICE Requests are approved/disapproved based on the following district criteria (in priority order):
 - a. Whether space is available in the grade level, program or building in which the student desires to be enrolled as determined by:
 1. Building capacity as determined by District.
 2. District class size goals as used for staffing purposes.
 3. Specific school features as reported by the principal
 - b. Whether student is continuing enrollment at site or in program.
 - c. Whether siblings are enrolled at the same site.
 - d. Date of form completion (*within the Open Enrollment Period*).
 - e. Whether the student's disciplinary records indicate a history of violent or disruptive behavior or gang membership at his/her current school which may constitute a risk to the health and safety of other students or staff; or
 1. If a student is currently suspended, expelled, or under a truancy petition, their CHOICE application will not be processed until such matters are resolved.
 - f. Acceptance of a non-resident student would result in the District experiencing a financial hardship.
3. When more requests are received for a specific school or program than can be accommodated, the following prioritized criteria will be used to determine approval of requests.
 - a. Continuing enrollment at site or in program.
 - b. Siblings enrolled at same site.
 - c. Date of request.
4. The office of Director of Student Services will maintain records and consult appropriate school for placement of non-resident district transfer request.

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5. Parent/guardian involvement will be verified by his/her signature on the required forms.
6. Non-resident students are ineligible to participate in varsity level athletic activities for one full calendar year as prescribed by WIAA Rules and Regulations.
7. If the application is denied, the superintendent or designee will notify the parent or guardian of the right to petition the Director of Student Services, upon five school business days prior notice, for review of the decision and to have a hearing before the Director of Student Services. Following the hearing by the Director of Student Services, a final decision shall be promptly communicated to the parent/guardian in writing.
8. The final decision of the District to deny the admission of a non-resident student may be appealed to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
9. A student who has dropped out of high school for six weeks or longer, or 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 mental health problems may choose to attend any high school regardless of residence and without tuition.