

Students in Out-of-Home (Foster) Care

The board recognizes that students in out-of-home or foster care experience mobility in and out of these care systems and from one home placement to another that disrupts their education, thereby creating barriers to academic success and on-time graduation. Through collaboration with state, local and/or tribal child welfare agencies, the district will strive to minimize or eliminate educational barriers for students in foster care, particularly with regard to enrollment, transfer of student records, and transportation to their school of origin unless it is not in the student's best interest to attend the school of origin. Pursuant to Chapter 28A.225 RCW, the district's collaboration with the state department of children, youth, and families in compliance with RCW 74.13.56 is mandatory.

The district and its schools will work to improve systems to identify students in out-of-home care to ensure that each student has proper access to free school meals and that applicable accountability and reporting requirements are satisfied.

The superintendent or designee is authorized to establish procedures and/or practices for implementing this policy.

Cross References: 3115 - Homeless Students - Enrollment Rights and Services
 3116P - Students in Out-of-Home (Foster) Care
 3120 - Enrollment
 3122 - Excused and Unexcused Absences
 3231 - Student Records
 6100 - Revenues From Local, State and Federal Sources

Legal References: RCW 28A.150.510 Transmittal of education records to
 department of social and health services – Disclosure of
 educational records – Data-sharing agreements –
 Comprehensive needs requirement document – Report

 RCW 28A.225.023 Youth dependent pursuant to Chapter
 13.34 RCW - Review of unexpected or excessive
 absences – Support for youth's school work

 RCW 28A.225.215 Enrollment of children without legal
 residences

RCW 28A.225.330 Enrolling students from other districts—Requests for information and permanently records—Withheld transcripts—Immunity from liability—Notification to teachers and security personnel—Rules

RCW 28A.320.192 On-time grade level progression and graduation of students who are dependent youth

RCW 74.13.550 Child placement – Policy of educational continuity *

RCW 74.13.560 Educational continuity—Protocol development
20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq. Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act [ESSA]

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