

ANACORTES SCHOOL DISTRICT #103

Policy No. 3141
Students

NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

Any student who resides outside the district may apply to attend a school in the district or file the parental declaration of the intent to provide home-based instruction and enroll for ancillary services, if any. All applications for nonresident attendance or home-based instruction will be considered on an equal basis. The district shall provide information on inter-district enrollment policies to nonresidents on request and have copies of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI) annual information booklet on enrollment options in the state available for public inspection at each school building, the central office and local public libraries.

A parent or guardian shall apply for admission on behalf of his or her child by completing the appropriate district application. The OSPI application form 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 or receiving home-based instruction, the basis 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 if accepted by the district.

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

1. Whether space is available in the grade level or classes at the building in which the student desires to be enrolled; and
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 the district has already accepted as many nonresident students for the school year as permitted by policy because accepting any more nonresident students would result in a financial hardship for the district.
5. Whether the student's disciplinary records indicate a history of convictions for offenses or crimes, 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).
6. 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.



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Transfers must be granted if the student is a child of a full-time certificated or classified Anacortes school employee unless:

- A. 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);
- B. The student has a history of convictions, violent or disruptive behavior, or gang membership; or
- C. The student has been expelled or suspended from school for more than ten consecutive days.

New non-resident choice students enrolled in the district under Policy #3141 will be placed at each elementary school after resident students are placed at each enrollment deadline. Returning non-resident students will be treated in the same manner as resident students, provided that their annual non-resident approval form is timely filed and accepted.

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.

The superintendent in a timely manner shall provide all applicants with written notification of the student's approval or denial of the application. If the student is to be admitted, the superintendent shall notify the resident district and make necessary arrangements for the transfer of student records.

If the application is denied, the superintendent will notify the parent or guardian of the right to petition the board, upon five school business days prior notice, for review of the decision and to have a hearing before the board at its next regular meeting. Following the hearing by the board, a final decision shall be promptly communicated to the parent/guardian in writing.

The final decision of the district to deny the admission of a nonresident student may be appealed to the superintendent of public instruction or his or her designee.

Any student exhibiting disruptive behavior or attendance problems will have their attendance revoked.

Cross References: Board Policy 3120 Enrollment

Legal References: RCW 28A.225.220 Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school — Tuition

28A.225.225 Applications from nonresident students or students receiving home-based instruction to attend district school— Acceptance and rejection standards—Notification

28A.225.240 Apportionment of credit

28A.225.290 Enrollment options information booklet

28A.225.300 Enrollment options information to parents

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WAC 392-137 Finance — Nonresident attendance
392-137-040 District policies — Procedures and criteria
for release of resident students and
admission of nonresident students
392-137-055 Appeal notice

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