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Release of Resident Students

A student who resides within the boundaries of the district shall be released to 1) attend school full time (1.0 FTE) in another district, or 2) enroll for ancillary services, if any, in another district as specified in the parental declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction, provided the other district agrees to accept the student if:

- A. A financial, educational, safety or health condition affecting the student would be reasonably improved as a result of the transfer. The term “condition affecting the student” means a financial, educational, safety, or health benefit which cannot be met or achieved by attendance in the student’s resident district. The term “would likely be reasonably improved” means it is probable, in the judgment of a reasonable person, that the nature and effect of the benefit to be received will be real and meaningful.
- B. Attendance at the school in the nonresident district is more accessible to the parent's/guardian's place of work or to the location of child care.
- C. There is some other special hardship or detrimental condition affecting the student or the student's immediate family which would be alleviated as a result of the transfer. The term “special” means a circumstance or factor which is generally not applicable to other students or families. The terms “hardship” and “detrimental condition” apply to any circumstance or factor harmfully affecting the student or student’s immediate family and is not restricted to a financial, educational, safety, or health condition. A special hardship includes:
 - 1. A student who was enrolled the previous school year in a nonresident district who is scheduled to complete in the same nonresident district during the next school year the highest grade offered in the resident district, and
 - 2. A student who has completed two (2) or more school years in a nonresident district without a release but with the knowledge of such nonresident attendance by the superintendent or any member of the board of directors of the resident district.
- D. The purpose of the transfer is for the student to enroll in an online course or online school program offered by an online provider approved under [RCW 28A.250.020](#).

In all cases that the district approves the release of a resident student, the student or the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be solely responsible for transportation.

A parent or guardian shall request the release of his/her child by completing the appropriate district form including the basis for the request.

The superintendent or designee shall grant or deny the request for release according to the above-stated criteria, and promptly notify the parent/guardian in writing of his/her decision.

If the request is denied, the superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian and include the reason or reasons for denial and the right to appeal. The parent/guardian may appeal to the designated deputy/assistant superintendent for review of the decision. Such appeal must be in writing and be received within five (5) school business days from the day on which the denial was received by the parent/guardian. A final decision shall be communicated to the parent/guardian in writing.

