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RELEASE OF RESIDENT STUDENTS

A student who resides within the boundaries of the district shall be released to 1) attend another school 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;
- B. Attendance at the school in the nonresident district is more accessible to the parents/guardian's place of work or to the location of child care; or
- 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. Special hardship or detrimental condition includes a student who becomes a resident of the district in mid-year; the student may apply for a release to complete the current school year only in his or her former district of residence, if transferring mid-year would create a special hardship or detrimental condition.

In all cases in which a resident student is released, the student or the student's parents/guardians are responsible for transportation, except that a student may ride on an established district bus route if the district would incur no additional cost.

A parent/guardian shall request the release of his/her child by completing the "Request for Release" form.

The superintendent 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 shall notify the parent/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.

If the request for release is denied by the board, the written decision shall inform the parent/guardian of the right to appeal such decision to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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Resident parents/guardians shall be informed of interdistrict enrollment options annually. The district shall make available for public inspection the Superintendent of Public Instruction's annual information booklet on enrollment options in the state at each school building, the central office and local public libraries.

Legal References:	RCW	28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school--Tuition
		28A.225.230	Appeal from certain decisions to deny student's request to attend nonresident district--Procedure
		28A.225.290	Enrollment options information booklet
		28A.225.300	Enrollment options information to parents/guardians

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