

NONRESIDENT STUDENTS

Consistent with Chapter 28A.225 RCW, 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 Eastmont Board of Directors annually will inform parents of the interdistrict enrollment options and parental involvement opportunities. Information on interdistrict acceptance policies will be provided to nonresidents on request. Providing online access to the information satisfies the requirements of this policy unless a parent or guardian specifically requests information to be provided in written form. The district will not charge any transfer fees or tuition costs for enrolling eligible nonresident students.

A parent or guardian will apply for admission on behalf of his or her child by completing the appropriate district application. The superintendent will develop an application form which contains questions including, but not limited to, the following:

1. the current legal residence of the child and the school district in which he or she is currently enrolled or receiving home-based instruction.
2. the basis for requesting release from the resident district.
3. If the student has a record of conviction of crimes, violent or disruptive behavior or gang membership, suspension, or expulsion.
4. If the student has repeatedly failed to comply with requirements to participate in an online school program.
5. If the student has a record of poor attendance, is under a court order to attend school, and/or is in the process of a truancy petition being filed.
6. If the student is receiving special services such as Special Education, Bilingual, and/or 504.
7. 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.

A student who resides in a district that does not operate a secondary program will 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 will establish procedures and criteria for the acceptance and denial of Nonresident Choice Applications and will ensure that communication occurs in a timely manner.

Admission or denial: Notice of decision and appeal of decision

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

If the application is denied, the superintendent or designee will notify the parent or guardian of the reason(s) for denial and the right to appeal following Board Policy 4220.

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 pursuant to the process detailed in RCW 28A.225.230(3).

Cross References:

Board Policy 3120 Enrollment

Legal References:

RCW 28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school — Tuition
RCW 28A.225.225	Applications from nonresident students or students receiving home-based instruction to attend district school — School employees’ children — Acceptance and rejection standards – Notification
RCW 28A.225.240	Appeal from certain decisions to deny student’s request to attend nonresident district — Apportionment of credit
RCW 28A.225.290	Enrollment options information booklet
RCW 28A.225.300	Enrollment options information to parents
WAC 392-137	Finance — Nonresident attendance

Management Resources:

Policy & Legal News, October 2015
Policy News, June 2003
Policy News, September 1999