

## STUDENT RECORDS

The District shall maintain those student records necessary for the educational guidance and/or welfare of students, for orderly and efficient operation of schools, and as required by law. All information related to individual students shall be treated in a confidential and professional manner. When information is released in compliance with state and federal law, the District and District employees are immune from civil liability unless they acted with gross negligence or in bad faith.

The District will retain records in compliance with the current, approved versions of the Local Government General Records Retention Schedule (CORE) and the School Districts and Educational Service Districts Records Retention Schedule, both of which are published on the Secretary of State's website at:  
[www.sos.wa.gov/archives/recordsretentionschedules.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/recordsretentionschedules.aspx)

Student records are the property of the District, but will be available in an orderly and timely manner to students and parents. "Parent" includes the state department of social and health services when a minor student has been found dependent and placed in state custody. A parent or adult student may challenge any information in a student record believed inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student.

Student records will be forwarded to other school agencies upon request. A high school student may grant authority to the district which permits prospective employers to review the student's transcript. Parental or adult student consent will be required before the district may release student records other than to a school agency or organization, except as otherwise provided by law.

A grades report, transcript, or diploma will not be released until a student has made restitution for damages assessed as a result of losing or damaging school materials or equipment. If a student has transferred to another school district that has requested the student's records, but the student has an outstanding fee or fine, only records pertaining to the student's academic performance, special placement, immunization history, discipline actions, official juvenile court records, and history of violence will be sent to the enrolling school. The content of those records shall be communicated to the enrolling district within two school days and copies of the records will be sent as soon as possible. The official transcript will not be released until the outstanding fee or fine is discharged. The enrolling school will be notified that the official transcript is being withheld due to an unpaid fee or fine. However, for students who meet the definition of homeless, the District will make all the student's records readily available to the enrolling school regardless of outstanding fees or fines.

The superintendent will establish procedures governing the content, management, and control of student records.

Cross References:

Board Policy 2100	Educational Opportunities for Students with a Parent in the Military
Board Policy 3115	Students Experiencing Homelessness – Enrollment Rights and Services
Board Policy 3211	Gender-Inclusive Schools
Board Policy 3520	Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
Board Policy 4020	Confidential Communications
Board Policy 4040	Public Access to District Records

Legal References:

20 U.S.C. § 1232g	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
CFR 34, Part 99	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act Regulations
42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
RCW 28A.150.510	Transmittal of education records to department of children, youth, and families — Disclosure of educational records — Data sharing agreements — Comprehensive needs requirement document — Report
RCW 28A.195.070	Official transcript withholding — Transmittal of information
RCW 28A.225.151	Reports
RCW 28A.225.330	Enrolling students from other districts — Requests for information and permanent records — Withheld transcripts — Immunity from liability — Notification to teachers and security personnel — Rules
RCW 28A.230.120	High school diplomas — Issuance — Option to receive final transcripts — Notice
RCW 28A.230.180	Educational and career opportunities in the military, student access to information on, when
RCW 28A.600.475	Exchange of information with law enforcement and juvenile court officials — Notification of parents and students
RCW 28A.605.030	Student education records — Parental review — Release of records — Procedure
RCW 28A.635.060	Defacing or injuring school property — Liability of pupil, parent, or guardian — Withholding grades, diploma, or transcripts — Suspension and restitution — Voluntary work program as alternative — Rights protected

RCW 40.24.030	Address Confidentiality Program — Application — Certification
Chapter 246-105 WAC	Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases
Chapter 392-172A WAC	Rules for the provision of special education
Chapter 392-182 WAC	Student Health Records
Chapter 392-415 WAC	Secondary education — standardized high school transcript
WAC 181-87-093	Failure to assure the transfer of student record information or student records
WAC 392-121-182	Alternative learning experience requirements
WAC 392-122-228	Alternative learning experiences for juvenile students incarcerated in adult jail facilities
WAC 392-500-025	Pupil tests and records — Tests — School district policy in writing

Management Resources:

*Policy and Legal News*, July 2019

*Policy and Legal News*, December 2018

Records Retention Schedule for School Districts and ESDs (updated 2014)

*Policy and Legal News*, December 2014

*Policy and Legal News*, February 2013

*Policy News*, February 2010

*Policy News*, December 2003

*Policy News*, April 2001