

RELEASE OF RESIDENT STUDENTS

A student who resides within the boundaries of the Stevenson-Carson School District shall be released to 1) attend another school district, or 2) enroll for ancillary services in another district as specified in the parental declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction, if:

- A. A financial, educational, safety, or health condition affecting the student would be reasonably improved as a result of the transfer; or
- B. Attendance at the school in the non-resident district is more accessible to the parents' place of work or to the location of child care; or
- C. The student is a child of a full-time certificated or classified employee who works within the non-resident school district; or
- D. 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. A special hardship or detrimental condition can include, but is not limited to, the following:
 1. A student who becomes a resident of the District in mid-year 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.
 2. A student who has dropped out of high school for six weeks or longer, or has returned from participation in a substance abuse treatment program, or is about to become or is a teen parent, or has returned from hospitalization due to a mental health problem may be released to attend any other high school in the state provided he/she is accepted by the non-resident high school.

Students will automatically be considered to have a special hardship in the following two circumstances:

1. A student who was enrolled the previous school year in a non-resident district is scheduled to complete, in the same non-resident district during the next school year, the highest grade offered in the District; or
2. A student has completed two or more school years in a non-resident 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 Stevenson-Carson School District.

Parents or guardians must follow a two-step process to obtain permission for their child to attend a non-resident district. First, the parent/guardian must obtain permission from the Stevenson-Carson School District to allow the student's release. Second, the parent/guardian must obtain permission from the non-resident district to admit the student. The criteria listed above apply only to the first step of this process; see Policy 3141 for the criteria considered by the non-resident district.

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A parent/guardian shall request the Stevenson-Carson School District's release of his/her child by completing the appropriate District form and submitting it to the District superintendent's office. Releases from the Stevenson-Carson School District are valid for one school year only, so the release form must be completed and submitted for consideration each year.

The superintendent or designee shall grant or deny the request for release according to the criteria listed above, and shall provide the parents/guardians with written notification of the decision in a timely manner of the receipt of the request. Omissions, falsification of information, or failure to fully complete the form shall be grounds for denial of the request for admission.

When the superintendent's or designee's decision is to deny the application or rescind any release, the District will notify the parents/guardians of their right to petition the school 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. When the Board of Directors' decision is to deny an application or rescind any release, the written decision will notify the parents/guardians of their right to appeal the Board's final decision to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

When a resident student is granted a release, the Stevenson-Carson School District shall not be responsible for transportation to the new non-resident district. If the student is eligible for Special Education and if transportation is listed on the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) as a required related service, the non-resident district will be responsible for providing transportation for the student.

The Stevenson-Carson School District may request an optional exit interview or questionnaire with parents/guardians of the student who is transferring to another district.

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 non-resident district
		28A.225.270	Intra-district enrollment options policies (Enrolling children of certificated and classified school employees)
		28A.225.290	Enrollment options information booklet
		28A.225.300	Enrollment options information to parents
	WAC	392-137	Finance – Nonresident Attendance
		392-172-055	Related services

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