

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505

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Request for Non-Resident Admission / CHOICE AGREEMENT for School Year _____

Legal Reference: RCW28A.225.220 through 240; WAC 392-1212-182. Under the CHOICE law, the receiving school district effectively becomes the 'resident' school district for all matters related to the education of the student (special education, academic accountability, CEDARS, etc). If the FTE of the student will be shared between districts, the CHOICE law does not apply. The sharing of FTE requires an Interdistrict Agreement.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Address/City _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

Resident School District _____

Please provide the following information regarding each child for whom transfer is requested.

Student(s) Name	Grade	Age	Birth Date	Please check all that apply				School in Resident District	School to which Transfer is Requested
				Special Ed	Discipline Issues	504	ELL		

BASIS FOR REQUEST OF RELEASE

- A financial, educational, safety or health condition affecting the student would be reasonably improved as a result of the transfer.
- Attendance at the school requested is more accessible to the parent's place of work or childcare.
- There is some other special hardship or detrimental condition affecting the student or the student's immediate family that would be alleviated as a result of the transfer. Please explain the reason(s) for this request and attach supporting documentation as needed.

Does the student have a record of conviction of crimes, violent or disruptive behavior or gang membership? Yes No

Comment: _____

Has the student been expelled or suspended for more than 10 consecutive days? Yes No

Comment: _____

Has the student repeatedly failed to comply with requirements for participation in an online school program, such as participating in weekly direct contact with the teacher or monthly progress evaluations? YES No

Comment: _____

Has the student and/or parent had any formal meetings with school officials regarding school attendance issues in the past two years? Yes No

Comment: _____

Is this student under a court order to attend school or is a truancy petition in the process of being filed? Yes No

Comment: _____

- I certify that the information provided is accurate and complete.
- I understand that approval of this request shall be dependent upon the acceptance and rejection standards stated in the nonresident school district's policy, and rescindment (revoking) of this release may occur in accordance to the conditions listed in the nonresident school district's policy.
- I understand that my student must continue to attend their current school schedule until the effective start date of the agreement or be subject to nonattendance procedures.
- I understand that I will be responsible for providing transportation to and from school for my student, unless the nonresident district is required to provide transportation for the student with a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- I understand that requests are approved for one school year only, and it is my responsibility to complete a new form each year.
- I understand that should my student move and no longer be a resident of the district, the agreement expires and I must submit a new request to the new resident school district.
- FERPA Release: I authorize the resident school district to release any and all of my student's educational records to the Choice Coordinator of the nonresident school district. By my signature I acknowledge that although I am not required to release my student's records, I am giving my consent to release the information. This release will remain in effect while my student is enrolled unless I revoke such consent in writing. Note: Information will be provided in written format; no information will be released over the phone.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232(g); 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies. Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Certification of Release from _____
(District)

Approved **Denied**

Superintendent/Designee Signature

Date

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- Yes No 1. Space is available in the grade level or classes at the building in which the student desires to be enrolled
- Yes No 2. Appropriate educational programs or services are available to improve the student's condition as stated in requesting release from his/her district of residence
- Yes No 3. The student's attendance in the district is not likely to create a risk to the health or safety of other students or staff
- Yes No 4. The student does not require services which cause a financial hardship for the non-resident district
- Yes No 5. The student's disciplinary records do not indicate a history of convictions for offenses or crimes, violent or disruptive behavior or gang membership
- Yes No 6. The student has not been expelled or suspended from a public school for more than ten consecutive days, in which case the student may apply for admission under the district's policy for readmission of expelled students

Certification of Non-Resident Admission

Approved **Denied**

Explanation/Comments:

Superintendent/Designee Signature

Date

HEARING REQUEST INFORMATION

In the event that either the application for admission to the nonresident district or the request for release from your resident district is denied, you may request the Board of Directors of the respective district to review that decision. You must give at least five school business days notice prior to the next regular meeting in order to have a hearing before the Board.

(Form 32)