

## Public Access to District Records

As used in this policy and the accompanying procedure, “school district records” is a broad term that includes any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the district or the performance of any district governmental or proprietary function prepared, owned, used, or retained by the district regardless of physical form or characteristics. A “writing” as used in this policy and procedure is likewise a broad term that means any handwriting, typewriting, printing, photocopying, photographing, or other means of recording any form of communication or representation. Included within these definitions are digital and electronic forms of communication, including emails, texts or messages through any medium or application, pages, postings and comments from any district-operated or district-sponsored website. The district will retain public records in compliance with state law and regulations.

Because of the tremendous volume and diversity of records continuously generated by a public school district, the board has declared by formal resolution that trying to maintain a current index of all of the district’s records would be impracticable, unduly burdensome, and ultimately interfere with the operational work of the district.

The Superintendent will develop, and the board will periodically review, procedures consistent with state law that will facilitate this policy. The Superintendent will also appoint a Public Records Officer who will serve as a point of contact for members of the public who request the disclosure of public records. The Public Records Officer will be trained in the laws and regulations governing the retention and disclosure of records, and shall oversee the district’s compliance with this policy and state law.

Cross References:                    3231 - Student Records

Legal References:                    Chapter 5.60 RCW WITNESSES — COMPETENCY  
Chapter 13.04.155(3) RCW Notification to school principal of conviction, adjudication, or diversion agreement — Provision of information to teachers and other personnel — Confidentiality.  
Chapter 26.44.010 RCW Declaration of purpose.  
Chapter 26.44.030(9) RCW Reports — Duty and authority to make — Duty of receiving agency — Duty to notify — Case planning and consultation — Penalty for unauthorized exchange of information — Filing dependency petitions — Investigations — Interviews of children — Records — Risk assessment process.  
Chapter 28A.605.030 RCW Student education records — Parental review — Release of records — Procedure.

Chapter 28A.635.040 RCW Examination questions —  
Disclosing — Penalty.  
Chapter 40.14 RCW Preservation and destruction of public  
records  
Chapter 42.17A RCW Campaign Disclosure and Contribution  
Chapter 42.56 RCW Public Records Act  
WAC 392-172A Rules for the provision of special education  
Public Law 98-24, Section 527 of the Public Health Services  
Act, 42 USC 290dd-2  
20 U.S.C. 1232g Federal Education Rights Privacy Act  
(FERPA)  
20 U.S.C. 1400 et. seq. Individuals with Disabilities Education  
Act (IDEA)  
42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(6)  
34 CFR Part 300—ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR THE  
EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES  
45 CFR Part 160—164—GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE  
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