Chapter 392-135 WAC

FINANCE—INTERDISTRICT COOPERATION PROGRAMS

WAC 392-135-005  Purposes. The purposes of this chapter are to implement RCW 28A.335.160(2) and 28A.225.250 and establish the conditions pursuant to which school districts may cooperate in interdistrict tuition-free educational programs, including but not limited to vocational and handicapped programs.

WAC 392-135-010 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) "Residence," "resident student," and "resident district" shall mean the same as defined in WAC 392-137-010.

(2) "Serving district" shall mean the Washington state school district which operates a tuition-free interdistrict cooperation program pursuant to an agreement with one or more Washington state school districts.

(3) "Participating school district(s)" shall mean any Washington state school district that is a signatory to an interdistrict cooperative agreement pursuant to provisions of this chapter.

WAC 392-135-015 Program types. Subject to the prior approval of the superintendent of public instruction, any school district may cooperate with one or more other school districts in the joint maintenance and operation of educational programs or services:

(1) As a part of the operation of a joint facility, or otherwise; and

(2) On a full- or part-time attendance basis, or a regular 180-day or extended school year basis.

WAC 392-135-020 Application—Requirements for approval. (1) Application. The proposed serving district shall be the applicant school district. The applicant school district shall submit a written application for the operation of an interdistrict cooperation program and the proposed written agreement(s) to be entered into by each participating school district to the superintendent of public instruction, division of financial services.

An interdistrict cooperation contract shall include and set forth at least the following:

(a) A description of the services and program.

(b) The number of students to be served from each district.

(c) The estimated amount of any operating costs of the program that are not funded from state or federal sources and the method of sharing such unfunded costs.

(2) Requirements for approval consideration. Interdistrict cooperation programs eligible for consideration and approval by the superintendent of public instruction shall be:

(a) Voluntary.

(b) Tuition free.

(c) Necessary for the express purpose of:

(i) Providing educational programs not otherwise available; and/or

(ii) Avoiding unnecessary duplications of specialized or unusually expensive programs and facilities; and/or

(iii) Improving racial balance within and among school districts.

(d) Interdistrict cooperation contracts shall be approved in advance of the board of directors of each participating school district.

WAC 392-135-021 Reporting requirements. (1) Each school district shall provide, upon request of the superintendent of public instruction, such data as the superintendent deems appropriate to identify the resident school district of all nonresident students enrolled in a school district cooperative program who are attending classes in a school district other than the school district in which the student is resident, excepting all high school students from nonhigh school districts.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall provide each serving district of each approved interdistrict cooperative with necessary report forms and shall advise each district of the due date established by the superintendent for the return of such completed report forms to the educational service districts or to the superintendent of public instruction as now or hereafter established by the superintendent and published in bulletins of the division of financial services.
(3) Data required by this section shall be used by the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of WAC 392-121-170 and chapter 392-139 WAC as now or hereafter amended.

[Statutory Authority:  RCW 28A.58.075(2) and 28A.58.245. 81-19-091 (Order 81-21), § 392-135-021, filed 9/18/81.]

WAC 392-135-030 Cooperative financing of construction. Cooperative financing involving the construction of any educational facility and arrangements therefor pursuant to RCW 28A.335.160(1) shall be in compliance with state board of education regulations, WAC 180-30-460 through 180-30-495, as now or hereafter amended.

[Statutory Authority:  1990 c 33. 90-16-002 (Order 18), § 392-135-030, filed 7/19/90, effective 8/19/90; Order 7-75, § 392-135-030, filed 12/22/75. Formerly WAC 392-15-945, 392-15-770.]

WAC 392-135-035 Nonhigh school district obligation. No arrangement pursuant to this chapter shall alter a nonhigh school district's obligation to a high school district pursuant to chapter 28A.545 RCW.

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