

Standard Choice Transfer System (SCTS)

Introduction

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Our purpose...

- Review the objective
- Introduce the stakeholders
- The approach
- Background on Choice transfers and Interdistrict Agreements
- Present system features
- Include Interdistrict Agreements
- How to prepare for implementation

Review the objective

- ESSB 5946 Sec 508 amended
RCW 28A.250.070

“The office of online learning under RCW 28A.250.030 shall develop a standard form, which must be used by all school districts, for releasing a student to a nonresident school district for the purposes of enrolling in an online course or online school program.”

The Stakeholders

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External

- Aberdeen
- Central Kitsap
- Federal Way
- Insight (Quillayute Valley)
- Issaquah
- Olympia
- Peninsula
- Spokane
- Tacoma
- Valley
- WAVA (Monroe, Omak)
- State Auditor's Office

The Approach

- Develop an application within EDS
- Use for all Choice transfers, not just online school programs
- Optimally, use for interdistrict agreements as well
- Spring implementation
 - Testing: February 2014
 - Bulletin: March 2014 that will launch implementation

Background: Choice Transfers

- Enrollment reporting
 - Resident
 - Choice Transfer (release to another district)
 - Interdistrict Agreement (share between two districts)

Background: Choice Transfer

Choice Transfer RCW 28A.225.200-240

- Allows districts to grant a student's choice
 - [RCW 28A.225.220](#)
- Describes when the Choice may be refused
 - [RCW 28A.225.225](#)
- Gives parents/guardians rights to appeal
 - [RCW 28A.225.230](#)
- Nonresident attendance [WAC 392-137](#)

Background: Choice Transfer

- Must be a release by the resident district and...
acceptance by the nonresident district
- Resident district retains no responsibility for the student.
 - Special ed, truancy, home/hospital, state assessments, CEDARS, etc

Background:

Interdistrict Agreement

- FTE shared with another school district.
- Student remains the responsibility of the resident school district unless specified in the agreement
- Nonresident is a contractor of the resident district
- No law mandates IA or requires a district to share or gives parent right of appeal.

System Features: Choice Transfer

Choice Coordinator(s) role: one time set up in EDS

1. Parent makes request to resident district
 - OSPI form template
2. Resident district submits request
3. Nonresident district accepts or denies (per district policy)
4. Email notifications sent to parents and districts at each milestone

System Features: Choice Transfer

- Rescindment – nonresident may do so before the end date for conditions listed in district policy or if student drops or withdraws; use the system to notify resident district (and parent)
- Expiration reminder to parent
- Renewal – retrieve the original; copies and update the dates.
- Appeal – retrieve original and resubmit

Use for Interdistrict Agreements

- Use similar form with added data: FTE sharing, special education, TBIP, educational services
- Allows a back and forth modification until agreement is reached
- Emails sent to parents/districts at milestones
- Able to revise/amend (requires rescinding the original)
- Rescindment, expiration reminder, renewal

How to Prepare

- Identify your Choice Coordinators
- Review your nonresident student policies
 - Rational, fair, and equitable standards for acceptance and rejection of requests
 - Conditions of rescindment are stated in policy
 - Appeal process in place
- Look for Standard Choice Transfer System bulletin

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