

Washington School for the Deaf

Admissions - Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost for students to attend school at WSD?

WSD is a state-funded agency and offers deaf and hard of hearing students an appropriate educational program at no cost to families or local school districts.

Where does funding for WSD programs and services come from?

Approximately 99% of school funding is provided by the State of Washington. An additional 1% is provided by the federally funded program Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA).

Can my child attend school during the day at WSD, but live at home?

Yes. Many students that live in the Vancouver area attend WSD during the day and return home after school is done for the day.

How close can a student live to the Vancouver Campus and be eligible to live on campus?

Students in the Residential Program must have a permanent address of more than 60 minutes by school bus transportation away from the WSD campus.

How often may parents visit students and when do the students return home?

Parents/guardians are encouraged to visit their children and be involved in their education while attending school at WSD. Students typically arrive on campus from home on Sunday evenings and return home on Friday afternoons.

What if my child is denied admissions?

WSD may deny a child admission based on the [Admissions for New and Former Students - Policy 3000 \(pdf\)](#)

Is transportation provided for the student to return home on the weekends and during breaks?

Yes. Our Transportation Department will arrange for students to be transported from home to the WSD campus either via bus or airplane.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Parents/guardians are required to drop-off students at WSD in-person on the first day of school and to pick-up on the last day of school.