

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

POLICY: **3241**

Adopted: **December 9, 2004**

SUBJECT: **Change of Placement/Expulsion**

Approved by:

Larry Swift, Chair, Board of Trustees

The purpose of this policy is to define the criteria for which any student may risk change of placement or emergency change of placement and or expulsion from the programs at the Washington School for the Deaf and/or if appropriate related residential service, and to clarify the procedures for any such changes in placement.

It is the belief of the Washington School for the Deaf that all students have rights and responsibilities. To this end, it is expected that all students will honor the expectations set forth in the Student Conduct Code Chapter 148-120 WAC. These expectations apply to all students and related programs that operate under the jurisdiction of the Washington School for the Deaf. All students are under the jurisdiction of WSD when he/she is in an assigned class, is on a school-sponsored field trip, is in the residential program, is on WSD-provided transportation (both for home bound and sports/recreation related time periods) and any and all activities sponsored/or supervised by WSD and/or its staff members.

The school shall be a safe place for all students to learn and free from: fears, verbal and/or sexual harassment, bullying or behaviors that pose threats to personal space and body, and risks posed by any possession of weaponry, alcohol or drugs. WSD shall not admit or retain students classified (in-state or out-of-state) as a level III sexual offender in the school or residential program/facility. WSD has the authority to refuse to admit or retain all other sexual offenders.

WSD is a placement option within a continuum of service delivery. WSD does not maintain other placement options except in concert with local school districts.

A student at the Washington School for the Deaf may be subject to a change of placement for a violation of the Student Conduct Code or state or federal law, so long as discipline is determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the federal Vocational Rehabilitation Act. Policies for change of placement actions are dictated by the IDEA, the school's enabling laws, specifically RCW 72.40.040

and 72.40.050 and OSPI rules. Procedures have been adopted in Chapter 148.120 WAC.

Conduct Violations

A student who either as actor, aider, abettor, or accomplice, violates any provision of this chapter (WAC 148-120-100) shall be subject to disciplinary actions herein adopted. A student may be an accomplice, or found to have aided and abetted in the commission of a violation of the student conduct code if he or she knowingly associates with the wrongful purpose, undertaking or activity; encourages, promotes, or counsels another student in the commission of an offense, or participates in it as in something he or she desires to bring about, and seeks by his or her action to make it succeed.