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180-90-110 Purpose. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-110, filed 12/2/85; Order 2-77, § 180-90-110, filed 3/24/77; Order 1-75, § 180-90-110, filed 2/4/75.] Repealed by WSR 03-04-053, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040.

180-90-115 Definition—Private school. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130(6), 28A.195.040 and 1996 c 83. WSR 96-15-099, § 180-90-115, filed 7/22/96, effective 8/22/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-115, filed 12/2/85.] Repealed by WSR 03-04-053, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040.

180-90-119 Definition—Reasonable health and fire safety requirements. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-119, filed 12/2/85.] Repealed by WSR 03-04-053, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040.

180-90-120 Definitions—Deviations. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-120, filed 12/2/85. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.201 et seq. and 28A.04.120(4). WSR 78-06-064 (Order 9-78), § 180-90-120, filed 5/25/78; Order 2-77, § 180-90-120, filed 3/24/77; Order 1-75, § 180-90-120, filed 2/4/75.] Repealed by WSR 03-04-053, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040.

180-90-123 Definition—Total program hour offering. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-123, filed 12/2/85.] Repealed by WSR 03-04-053, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040.

180-90-125 Definitions—Exceptional case, unusual competence, and general supervision. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130(6), 28A.195.040 and 1996 c 83. WSR 96-15-099, § 180-90-125, filed 7/22/96, effective 8/22/96. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 33. WSR 90-17-009, § 180-90-125, filed 8/6/90, effective 9/6/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.204 [28A.02.240]. WSR 87-09-039 (Order 7-87), § 180-90-125, filed 4/14/87.] Repealed by WSR 03-04-053, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040.

180-90-133 SPI report to SBE—No adverse findings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-133, filed 12/2/85.] Repealed by WSR 03-04-053, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040.

180-90-135 SPI adverse findings—Report to private school. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-135, filed 12/2/85.] Repealed by WSR 03-04-053, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040.

180-90-137 SPI report to SBE—Adverse findings. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-137, filed 12/2/85.] Repealed by WSR 03-04-053, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040.

180-90-140 Initial application for approval. [Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.120(4). WSR 82-04-004 (Order 3-82), § 180-90-140, filed 1/21/82; Order 2-77, § 180-90-140, filed 3/24/77; Order 1-76, § 180-90-140, filed 2/3/76; Order 1-75, § 180-90-140, filed 2/4/75.] Repealed by WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), filed 12/2/85. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240.

**WAC 180-90-105 Purpose and authority.** (1) The purpose of this chapter is to establish the procedures and conditions governing the approval of private schools by the state board of education and re-scission of such approval.

(2) The authority for this chapter is RCW 28A.195.040 which authorizes the state board of education to promulgate rules and regulations for the approval of private schools for the purpose of implementing RCW 28A.225.010.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 03-04-053, § 180-90-105, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 33. WSR 90-17-009, § 180-90-105, filed 8/6/90, effective 9/6/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-105, filed 12/2/85.]

**WAC 180-90-112 Definitions.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Private school" means a nonpublic school or nonpublic school district approved by the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.305.130, and chapter 28A.195 RCW and in accordance with the minimum standards for approval as prescribed in this chapter.

(2)(a) "Reasonable health requirements" means those standards contained in chapter 246-366 WAC as adopted by the state board of health, and other applicable health requirements for private schools set by federal, state, or local health authorities.

(b) "Reasonable fire safety requirements" means those standards adopted by the state fire marshal pursuant to chapter 43.44 RCW.

(3)(a) "Minor deviation" means a variance from the standards established by these regulations which represents little or no threat to the health or safety of students and school personnel, and which does not impact the ability of the school to provide an educational program which is in substantial compliance with the minimum standards set forth in WAC 180-90-160, and which, therefore, does not preclude the granting of full approval.

(b) "Major deviation" means a variance from the standards established by these regulations which represents little or no threat to the health or safety of students and school personnel but may impact the ability of the school to provide an educational program which substantially complies with the minimum standards set forth in WAC 180-90-160, but is not so serious as to constitute an unacceptable deviation.

(c) "Unacceptable deviation" means a variance from the standards established by these regulations which either:

(i) Constitutes a threat to the health or safety of students or school personnel; or

(ii) Demonstrates that the school is not capable of providing an educational program which substantially complies with the minimum standards set forth in WAC 180-90-160.

(4) "Total instructional hour offering" means those hours when students are provided the opportunity to engage in educational activity planned by and under the direction of school staff, as directed by the administration and board of directors, inclusive of intermissions for class changes, recess and teacher/parent-guardian conferences which are planned and scheduled by the approved private school for the

purpose of discussing students' educational needs for progress, and exclusive of time actually spent for meals.

(5) "Washington state certificated teacher, administrator, or superintendent" or "certified person" in this chapter means an educator holding a residency, professional, initial, continuing, or standard certificate under WAC 181-79A-142(1); or a first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificate under WAC 181-78A-700.

(6) (a) "Non-Washington state certificated teacher" means a person who does not hold a residency, professional, initial, continuing, or standard certificate under WAC 181-79A-142(1); or a first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certificate under WAC 181-78A-700 but who has:

(i) A K-12 teaching certificate from a nationally accredited preparation program, other than Washington state, recognized by the U.S. Department of Education; or

(ii) A minimum of a baccalaureate degree in the subject matter to be taught or in a field closely related to the subject matter to be taught; or

(iii) A minimum of one calendar year of experience in a specialized field. For purposes of this subsection the term "specialized field" means a specialized area of the curriculum where skill or talent is applied and where entry into an occupation in such field generally does not require a baccalaureate degree including, but not limited to, the fields of art, drama, dance, music, physical education, and career and technical or occupational education.

(b) "Exceptional case" means that a circumstance exists within a private school in which:

(i) The educational program offered by the private school will be significantly improved with the employment of a non-Washington state certificated teacher. Each teacher not holding a valid Washington state certificate shall have experience or academic preparation appropriate to K-12 instruction and consistent with the school's mission. Such experience or academic preparation shall be consistent with the provisions of (c) of this subsection; and

(ii) The school employs at least one Washington state certified teacher, administrator, or superintendent who provides general supervision to any non-Washington state certificated teacher. The school will annually report to the state board of education the academic preparations and experience of each non-Washington state certificated teacher providing k-12 instruction in an addendum to the certificate of compliance as provided in WAC 180-90-160; and

(iii) The non-Washington state certificated teacher of the private school, employed pursuant to this section, has been verified by the private school, as meeting the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements of WAC 181-79A-150 (1) and (2), and has not had his or her teacher's certificate revoked by any state or foreign country consistent with WAC 181-79A-155 (5) (a).

(c) "Unusual competence": As applied to an exceptional case wherein the educational program as specified in RCW 28A.195.010 and WAC 180-90-160(7) will be significantly improved with the employment of a non-Washington state certificated teacher as defined in (a) of this subsection.

(d) "General supervision" means that a Washington state certificated teacher, administrator, or superintendent shall be generally available at the school site to observe and advise the teacher employed under provision of (c) of this subsection and shall evaluate pursuant to policies of the private school.

(7) "Business day" means a weekday, excluding weekends, state holidays, and state closures unless otherwise specified.

(8) "Filing" means the process by which a document is officially delivered to a state board of education staff member. Unless otherwise provided, filing shall be accomplished by:

(a) Hand delivery of the document to the specified state board of education staff member;

(b) By sending the document by email and first class mail to the specified state board of education email address and state board of education's office address on its website; or

(c) By submitting an initial or annual application and certification of compliance as required in WAC 180-90-130 or 180-90-160.

Documents required to be filed shall be deemed filed upon actual receipt during office hours at the office of the state board of education.

(9) "Executive director" means the executive director of the state board of education.

(10) "SBE private school officer" means the person designated by the executive director to administer the state board of education's private school program.

(11) "SBE representative" means the person designated by the executive director to administer the state board of education's private school program or another SBE staff person, and may be represented by an assistant attorney general.

(12) "Hearing officer" means the person designated by the executive director, in consultation with the SBE executive committee, to conduct a brief administrative proceeding or a summary suspension hearing on the loss of private school approval.

(13) "Service" is the process by which a document is officially delivered to a party. Unless otherwise provided, service upon a party shall be accomplished by:

(a) Hand delivery of the document to the party; or

(b) By sending the document by both email, and by either certified mail or first class mail to the party's last known address.

Service is deemed complete upon hand delivery of the document or upon the date the document is emailed and deposited in the mail.

(14) "Loss of approval" means either a suspension or rescission of a private school's approval by the state board of education. Suspension is for a set period of time or until specified conditions are met and rescission is permanent until a new application for approval is granted.

(15) "School" means and includes each building, facility, and location, including online program components, where any portions of a kindergarten and grades one through 12 program of education and related activities are conducted for two or more children by or in behalf of any private school or private institution subject to approval by the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.305.130, chapter 28A.195 RCW, and this chapter.

(16) "Residential private school," per RCW 26.44.210, means a nonpublic school or nonpublic school district subject to approval by the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.305.011 and chapter 28A.195 RCW that provides sleeping and living facilities or residential accommodations for enrolled students.

(17) "Summary suspension" means the immediate, temporary suspension of a private school's approval in an administrative procedure.

(18) "Threat to health or safety" means the physical facilities, personnel, or practices of the school do not meet reasonable health

requirements or reasonable fire safety requirements; or failure to meet the requirements or legal obligations that private schools are subject to, including those enumerated in this chapter or in chapter 28A.195 RCW.

(19) "School or district administrator" means administrative or executive authority of private schools or private school districts. The terms "head of school," "principal," or "superintendent" may also be used in rule or application materials to refer to the administrative or executive authority of the private school or private school district.

(20) "Review committee" means a committee of three to five SBE members identified by the SBE chair who will conduct reviews of initial decisions of brief adjudicative proceedings pursuant to WAC 180-90-143.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 24-06-044, § 180-90-112, filed 2/29/24, effective 3/31/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040, 28A.195.010, and 28A.150.220. WSR 22-07-048, § 180-90-112, filed 3/14/22, effective 4/14/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.010, 28A.195.030, and 28A.195.040. WSR 18-24-090, § 180-90-112, filed 12/3/18, effective 1/3/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 15-24-108, § 180-90-112, filed 12/1/15, effective 1/1/16. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.305 RCW, RCW 28A.150.220, 28A.230.090, 28A.310.020, 28A.210.160, and 28A.195.040. WSR 10-23-104, § 180-90-112, filed 11/16/10, effective 12/17/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 03-04-053, § 180-90-112, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-112, filed 12/2/85.]

**WAC 180-90-130 Approval—Annual certification—Adverse findings.**

(1) All private organizations carrying out a program for any or all of the grades kindergarten through 12, with the exception of kindergarten only, are subject to annual approval by the state board of education pursuant to RCW 28A.305.130, chapter 28A.195 RCW, and this chapter.

(2) At least 90 days prior to the commencement of the annual school term or period, the school or district administrator shall file with the state board of education a certificate of compliance as set forth in WAC 180-90-160.

(3) The state board of education shall review each certificate. The review shall be completed within 30 days after receipt of a completed application. The state board of education may request additional information as it deems necessary.

(4) If the state board of education finds deviation, the private school shall be notified through written or electronic communication of any minor, major, or unacceptable deviations which must be corrected.

(5) If the state board of education finds major or unacceptable deviations, the private school shall submit a narrative report indicating agreement or not with the findings of the state board of education and any proposed remedial action to address the reported deviations. Minor deviations will be resolved with the state board of education prior to approval. In the case of major deviations, the private school may request that the state board of education grant provisional status for up to one year so the private school may take action to meet the requirements.

(6) In reviewing a private school's application for annual approval, the state board of education may consider pending or completed proceedings for loss of approval of a private school, including any conditions or sanctions agreed to or placed upon a private school and any information obtained by the state board of education regarding potential loss of approval of a private school.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040, 28A.195.010, and 28A.150.220. WSR 22-07-048, § 180-90-130, filed 3/14/22, effective 4/14/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.010, 28A.195.030, and 28A.195.040. WSR 18-24-090, § 180-90-130, filed 12/3/18, effective 1/3/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 15-24-108, § 180-90-130, filed 12/1/15, effective 1/1/16; WSR 03-04-053, § 180-90-130, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-130, filed 12/2/85. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.120(4). WSR 82-04-004 (Order 3-82), § 180-90-130, filed 1/21/82; Order 2-77, § 180-90-130, filed 3/24/77; Order 1-75, § 180-90-130, filed 2/4/75.]

**WAC 180-90-139 Approval action by SBE.** The state board of education shall take one of the following actions:

(1) If no deviations are found, the state board of education shall grant full approval.

(2) If minor deviations are found and the private school has resolved the deviations, the state board of education shall grant full approval.

(3) If major deviations are found and the private school in its narrative report provides satisfactory assurance of compliance by the commencement of the annual school term, the state board of education shall grant full approval.

(4) If major deviations are found and the private school in its narrative report, supplemented by direct testimony to the state board of education, demonstrates it is not practical to correct such major deviations prior to the commencement of the annual school term but establishes to the satisfaction of the state board of education its ability to correct such deviation as soon as is practical, the state board of education shall grant such private school provisional approval for the period of time the state board of education determines is necessary to correct the major deviation but no longer than one year.

(5) If unacceptable deviations are found or if the private school fails to comply with timely corrective conditions within subsection (2), (3), or (4) of this section for minor or major deviations, state board of education approval shall be denied or rescinded.

(6) If any unresolved concerns, deficiencies, or deviations are found and the private school is an entity authorized by the superintendent of public instruction to provide a program of special education and related services for students with disabilities under RCW 28A.300.690, the state board of education will notify the office of the superintendent of public instruction of the unresolved concerns, deficiencies, or deviations.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 24-06-044, § 180-90-139, filed 2/29/24, effective 3/31/24; WSR 15-24-108, § 180-90-139, filed 12/1/15, effective 1/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-139, filed 12/2/85.]

**WAC 180-90-141 Loss of private school approval.** The state board of education may suspend or rescind approval of a private school for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) Failure to have students enrolled for any six consecutive calendar months in the school's physical facilities or failure to provide evidence of student enrollment upon request of the state board of education for the said period of time.

(2) Failure to provide verification that the approved private school maintains teaching staff with appropriate Washington state certification or otherwise meet the requirements of WAC 180-90-160 (1)(c).

(3) Failure to provide verification that the school maintains physical facilities that meet all reasonable health requirements and all reasonable fire safety requirements.

(4) Failure to meet any of the requirements or legal obligations that private schools are subject to, including those enumerated in this chapter or in chapter 28A.195 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 24-06-044, § 180-90-141, filed 2/29/24, effective 3/31/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040, 28A.195.010, and 28A.150.220. WSR 22-07-048, § 180-90-141, filed 3/14/22, effective 4/14/22. Statutory Authority: 2020 c 7 § 10-12 and RCW 28A.195.010, 28A.230.090, 28A.150.220(7). WSR 21-01-077, § 180-90-141, filed 12/10/20, effective 1/10/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.010, 28A.195.030, and 28A.195.040. WSR 18-24-090, § 180-90-141, filed 12/3/18, effective 1/3/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 15-24-108, § 180-90-141, filed 12/1/15, effective 1/1/16; WSR 03-04-053, § 180-90-141, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.204 [28A.02.240]. WSR 87-09-039 (Order 7-87), § 180-90-141, filed 4/14/87.]

**WAC 180-90-142 Brief adjudicative proceedings—Initial hearing.**

(1) A brief adjudicative proceeding is the process for rescission or suspension, other than summary suspension, of a private school's approval. Brief adjudicative proceedings shall be conducted by a hearing officer. The hearing officer may not participate in any case in which the hearing officer is involved as a complainant or witness, or in which the hearing officer has a direct or personal interest, prejudice, or bias.

(2) The parties to a brief adjudicative proceeding are the private school representative and the SBE representative. Before taking action, the hearing officer will conduct an informal hearing and provide each party an opportunity to explain its view of the matter.

(3) The hearing officer will serve an initial decision upon both the private school representative and the SBE representative within 10 business days of the completion of the informal hearing. The initial decision must include:

(a) A brief written statement of the reasons for the decision, including a description of the acts or failures to act giving rise to any sanctions and reference to the provisions of the Washington Administrative Code or the law violated;

(b) Any sanctions against the private school, including suspension or rescission of approval, and any time period or conditions which must be met for a suspension; and

(c) Information about how to seek administrative review of the initial decision.

If no request for review is filed within 21 days of service of the initial decision, the initial decision is deemed the final decision. The hearing officer must include in the decision that the private school must provide a copy of the final decision to the families of all its students and all of its staff members.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040, 28A.195.010, and 28A.150.220. WSR 22-07-048, § 180-90-142, filed 3/14/22, effective 4/14/22.]

**WAC 180-90-143 Brief adjudicative proceedings—Review of an initial decision.** (1) An initial decision is subject to review by the review committee, provided a party makes an oral or a written request for review with the executive director within 21 days of service of the initial decision.

(2) Members of the review committee may not participate in any case in which the member is involved as a party or witness, or in which the member has a direct or personal interest, prejudice, or bias.

(3) During the review, the review committee must give each party an opportunity to file written responses explaining their view of the matter and shall make any inquiries necessary to ascertain whether the sanctions or conditions should be continued, modified, or removed.

(4) The decision on review must be in writing, and include a brief statement of the reason for the decision and the changes or modifications, if any, to the initial decision, and a notice that judicial review may be available pursuant to WAC 180-90-150. The decision on review must include in the decision that the private school must provide a copy of the final decision to the families of all its students and all of its staff members.

(5) The decision on review must be served on the parties within 20 days of the initial decision or the request for review whichever is later. The decision on review is the final decision.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040, 28A.195.010, and 28A.150.220. WSR 22-07-048, § 180-90-143, filed 3/14/22, effective 4/14/22.]

**WAC 180-90-144 Emergency adjudicative proceeding—Summary suspension.** (1) An emergency adjudicative proceeding is the process to enter an emergency order for summary suspension of a private school's approval and other such action as is necessary to prevent or avoid the immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare while an investigation and/or administrative procedure is pending.

(2) The SBE executive director may issue an emergency order summarily suspending a private school's approval if there is reasonable basis to believe that a private school:

(a) Has violated any provision of WAC 180-90-141; and

(b) Presents an immediate danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the private school's students, staff, volunteers, or visitors that justifies use of emergency adjudication.

(3) The emergency order must include a brief statement of findings of fact, conclusions of law, and policy reasons for the decision if it is an exercise of the agency's discretion, to justify the deter-



mination of an immediate danger and the SBE private school officer's decision to take the specific action. The summary suspension can be a full or partial suspension of approval.

(4) Notice. The SBE executive director must provide notice to a private school that its approval as a private school has been summarily suspended under an emergency order. The private school must be served with oral or written notice of the summary suspension. If oral notice is given, a written notification must be served on the private school within two business days of the oral notice.

The written notification will include:

(a) The reasons for imposing the summary suspension, including a description of the acts or failures to act giving rise to the summary suspension and reference to the provisions of the Washington Administrative Code, state or federal law, or other applicable requirements, standards, or authority allegedly violated;

(b) The conditions, if any, under which the private school may continue to operate during the summary suspension; and

(c) Information on how to request a hearing on the summary suspension.

(5) The private school has the right to request a hearing on the summary suspension. The hearing request must be in writing and filed with the SBE executive director.

(6) A hearing officer will conduct a hearing on the summary suspension as soon as practicable after receipt of the private school's request for a hearing on the summary suspension. The hearing officer may not participate in any case in which the hearing officer is involved as a complainant or witness, or in which the hearing officer has a direct or personal interest, prejudice, or bias.

(a) During the summary suspension hearing, the issue before the hearing officer is whether there is probable cause to believe that summary suspension should be continued pending further administrative proceedings and/or whether the summary suspension should be less restrictive in scope.

(b) The hearing officer must provide the private school with an opportunity to explain why summary suspension should not be continued while administrative proceedings are pending or why the summary suspension should be less restrictive in scope.

(c) If the private school fails to appear at the designated hearing time, the hearing officer may order that the summary suspension remain in place pending the conclusion of the administrative proceedings.

(d) As soon as practicable following the hearing, the hearing officer will issue a written decision which must include a brief explanation for any decision continuing and/or modifying the summary suspension and notice of any right to appeal.

(e) The hearing officer shall provide a copy of the decision to the private school. The SBE private school officer must include in the decision that the private school must provide a copy of the decision to the families of all its students and all of its staff members.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040, 28A.195.010, and 28A.150.220. WSR 22-07-048, § 180-90-144, filed 3/14/22, effective 4/14/22.]

**WAC 180-90-145 Approval—Initial application—Exception.** Any potential private school which is unable to file its application for ap-

proval at least ninety days prior to the commencement of the annual school term or period may request the state board of education review the application. This request shall be granted if the state board of education finds the private school was not sufficiently developed prior to the ninety-day time period to enable it to comply with that requirement. The state board of education shall have the discretion to grant the request in other exceptional circumstances. If the state board of education grants the request, the review shall be completed within thirty days and the findings and approval shall be considered at the next regularly scheduled state board of education meeting.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.010, 28A.195.030, and 28A.195.040. WSR 18-24-090, § 180-90-145, filed 12/3/18, effective 1/3/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 15-24-108, § 180-90-145, filed 12/1/15, effective 1/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-145, filed 12/2/85; Order 2-77, § 180-90-145, filed 3/24/77.]

**WAC 180-90-150 Appeals.** Pursuant to RCW 28A.195.030 any private school may appeal the actions of the state board of education as provided in chapter 34.05 RCW and chapter 180-08 WAC.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.010, 28A.195.030, and 28A.195.040. WSR 18-24-090, § 180-90-150, filed 12/3/18, effective 1/3/19. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 33. WSR 90-17-009, § 180-90-150, filed 8/6/90, effective 9/6/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-150, filed 12/2/85; Order 2-77, § 180-90-150, filed 3/24/77; Order 1-75, § 180-90-150, filed 2/4/75.]

**WAC 180-90-160 Minimum standards and certificate form.** (1) The annual certificate of compliance required by WAC 180-90-130 shall be submitted to the state board of education and signed by the school or district administrator certifying compliance by the school or district. The certificate of compliance form and the submittal process will be determined by the state board of education. Information about annual private school approval and the submittal process will be posted on the state board of education website. The certificate of compliance affirms the school meets the requirements, standards, or legal obligations that private schools are subject to, including those enumerated in this chapter or in chapter 28A.195 RCW and the following standards with the exception only of such deviations or proposed deviations, if any, as are set forth in an attachment to the certificate of compliance:

(a) Except as provided in chapter 180-111 WAC, the minimum school year for instructional purposes consists of no less than 180 school days or the equivalent in annual minimum instructional hour offerings as prescribed in RCW 28A.195.010.

(b) On each school day, pupils enrolled and in attendance at the school are engaged in educational activity planned by and under the direction of the school; and that pupils are provided an annual total instructional hour offering, as prescribed in RCW 28A.195.010, of at least:

- (i) Four hundred fifty hours for students in kindergarten.
- (ii) One thousand hours for students in grades one through 12.

(c) All classroom teachers hold appropriate Washington State certification except for:

(i) Teachers for religious courses or courses for which no counterpart exists in the public schools: Provided, That a religious course is a course of study separate from the courses of study defined in RCW 28A.195.010 including occupational education, science, mathematics, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of the appreciation of art and music all in sufficient units for meeting state board of education graduation requirements, except as provided in chapter 180-111 WAC; and/or

(ii) A person of unusual competence who is not certified but who will teach students in an exceptional case under the general supervision of a Washington state certificated teacher, administrator, or superintendent pursuant to WAC 180-90-112. The non-Washington state certificated teacher, the Washington state certificated person who will supervise, and the exceptional circumstances are listed on the addendum to this certificate.

(d) If the school operates an extension program for parents, guardians, or persons having legal custody of a child to teach children in their custody, the extension program meets the following requirements:

(i) The parent, guardian, or custodian is supervised by a person certified under chapter 28A.410 RCW and who is employed by the school;

(ii) The planning by the certified person and the parent, guardian, or person having legal custody includes objectives consistent with (a), (b), (e) through (g) of this subsection;

(iii) The certified person spends a minimum average each month of one contact hour per week with each student under his or her supervision who is enrolled in the extension program;

(iv) Each student's progress is evaluated by the certified person; and

(v) The certified person does not supervise more than 30 students enrolled in the approved private school's extension program.

(e) Measures have been taken to safeguard all permanent records against loss or damage through either the storage of such records in fire-resistant containers or facilities, or the retention of duplicates in a separate and distinct area;

(f) The physical facilities of the school are adequate to meet the program offered, and all school facilities and practices are in compliance with all reasonable health requirements and all reasonable fire safety requirements, as defined in WAC 180-90-112, and substantiated as required by current inspection reports of appropriate health and fire safety officials which are on file in the school or district administrator's office;

(g) The school's curriculum includes instruction in the basic skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, language, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, and the development of appreciation of art and music in sufficient units for meeting state board of education graduation requirements, as set forth in chapter 180-51 WAC. A school may substitute courses specific to the mission or focus of the school to satisfy the career and technical education requirement of chapter 180-51 WAC and may waive requirements as provided in chapter 180-111 WAC;

(h) The school or its organized district maintains up-to-date policy statements related to the administration and operation of the school or district;

(i) The school does not engage in a policy of racial segregation or discrimination;

(j) The governing authority of this private school or private school district has been apprised of the requirements of chapter 180-90 WAC relating to the minimum requirements for approval of private schools and such governing authority has further been apprised of all deviations or proposed deviations from the rules and regulations of the state board of education and the standards contained in chapter 180-90 WAC.

(2) Approval by the state board of education is contingent upon on-going compliance with the requirements, standards, and legal obligations that private schools are subject to, including those enumerated in this chapter or in chapter 28A.195 RCW and the standards herein. The school shall notify the state board of education of any deviation from these requirements, standards, or legal obligations that occurs after the approval action taken by the state board of education. Such notification shall be filed within 30 days of occurrence of the deviation.

(3) Failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter may result in the rescission or suspension of the approval of the private school and shall be considered in subsequent application for approval as a private school.

(4) The board may provide a shortened approval form or expedited approval process for private schools accredited by a state board of education-approved accrediting body.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040, 28A.195.010, and 28A.150.220. WSR 22-07-048, § 180-90-160, filed 3/14/22, effective 4/14/22. Statutory Authority: 2020 c 7 § 10-12 and RCW 28A.195.010, 28A.230.090, 28A.150.220(7). WSR 21-01-077, § 180-90-160, filed 12/10/20, effective 1/10/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.010, 28A.195.030, and 28A.195.040. WSR 18-24-090, § 180-90-160, filed 12/3/18, effective 1/3/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 15-24-108, § 180-90-160, filed 12/1/15, effective 1/1/16. Statutory Authority: 2014 c 217 and RCW 28A.230.090. WSR 14-19-032, § 180-90-160, filed 9/8/14, effective 10/9/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 03-04-053, § 180-90-160, filed 1/29/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130(6), 28A.195.040 and 1996 c 83. WSR 96-15-099, § 180-90-160, filed 7/22/96, effective 8/22/96. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 33. WSR 90-17-009, § 180-90-160, filed 8/6/90, effective 9/6/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 89-01-038 (Order 23-88), § 180-90-160, filed 12/14/88; WSR 87-09-039 (Order 7-87), § 180-90-160, filed 4/14/87. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.240. WSR 85-24-056 (Order 23-85), § 180-90-160, filed 12/2/85. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.120(4). WSR 82-04-004 (Order 3-82), § 180-90-160, filed 1/21/82. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.02.201 et seq. and 28A.04.120(4). WSR 78-06-064 (Order 9-78), § 180-90-160, filed 5/25/78; Order 2-77, § 180-90-160, filed 3/24/77; Order 1-76, § 180-90-160, filed 2/3/76; Order 1-75, § 180-90-160, filed 2/4/75.]

**WAC 180-90-170 Complaints against private schools.** (1) Complaints about an approved private school may be made in writing to the state board of education and may be made through an online form available on the state board of education's website.

(2) If a complaint against a private school is received, the state board of education will:

- (a) Notify the complainant that the communication was received;
  - (b) Notify the school of the complaint, provide a copy of the complaint if requested, and provide an opportunity for the school to respond. All correspondence will conform to state and federal student privacy laws; and
  - (c) Review the complaint and the school's response and may take appropriate action it deems necessary. Any action taken by the state board of education will be limited to authority pursuant to chapter 28A.195 RCW and the rules promulgated thereunder.
- (3) The record of the complaint, the response and any action taken will be retained according to the record retention schedule established by the office of the secretary of state for the state board of education.
- (4) The state board of education will follow the process described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section if complaints are relayed to the state board of education by other state agencies regarding a private school, including the office of the superintendent of public instruction regarding private schools authorized to provide special education and related services for students with disabilities under RCW 28A.300.690, and by the department of children, youth, and families concerning residential private schools under RCW 26.44.210.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 24-06-044, § 180-90-170, filed 2/29/24, effective 3/31/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.010, 28A.195.030, and 28A.195.040. WSR 18-24-090, § 180-90-170, filed 12/3/18, effective 1/3/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.195.040. WSR 15-24-108, § 180-90-170, filed 12/1/15, effective 1/1/16.]