

WAC 504-45-030 Availability of public records. (1) Hours for inspection of records. Public records are available for inspection and copying by appointment during normal business hours of the university. For the purposes of this chapter, the normal business hours for the public records office are from 8:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding the university's holidays and scheduled and emergency closure periods. Records must be inspected at the offices of the university.

(2) Index of records. An index of final orders, declaratory orders, interpretive statements, and policy statements entered after June 30, 1990, is available at the office of the university's rules coordinator at the Pullman campus. The university posts links to many of these records on its website at <https://wsu.edu>.

(3) Organization of records. The university maintains its records in a reasonably organized manner. The university takes reasonable actions to protect records from damage and disorganization. A requestor must not take university records from university offices without the permission of the public records officer or designee. Certain records are available on the university's website at <https://wsu.edu>. Requestors are encouraged to view the documents available on the website prior to submitting a records request.

(4) Making a request for public records.

(a) Any person wishing to inspect or copy public records of the university should make the request in writing on the university's public records portal, using the request form on the university's website, or by letter or email addressed to the public records officer or designee. The university also honors in-person requests received by the public records office during normal business hours. The public records office records in-person verbal requests in writing and confirms the substance of the request with the requestor. The following information must be included in the request:

(i) Name of the person requesting records, unless the requestor wishes to remain anonymous;

(ii) Mailing address of requestor;

(iii) Other contact information, including telephone number and any email address;

(iv) Identification of the public records adequate for the public records officer or designee to locate the records; and

(v) The date of the request.

(b) If the requestor wishes to have copies of the records made instead of simply inspecting them, they should so indicate and make arrangements to pay for copies of the records or a deposit. Pursuant to RCW 42.56.120, standard photocopies or electronically produced copies are provided at the rates established in WAC 504-45-070. A requestor may also refer to the university's website at <https://wsu.edu> for current rates.

(c) A form is available for use by requestors at the public records office and on the university's website at <https://wsu.edu>.

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