

WSR 21-21-096
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 392-121-136 Limitation on enrollment counts, 392-122-221 State institutional education program—Enrollment exclusions, 392-700-015 Definitions, 392-700-035 Student eligibility, 392-700-042 Program operating agreements and OSPI approval, and 392-700-160 Reporting of student enrollment.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28A.190.070 and 28A.175.100.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The office of superintendent of public instruction (OSPI) is considering rule making related to students enrolled in both an institutional education program and a youth dropout reengagement program. RCW 28A.190.070, recently enacted, requires OSPI to develop procedures for school districts to report student enrollment in institutional education and youth dropout reengagement programs starting with the 2021-22 school year. Current rules do not allow a student's enrollment to be shared between institutional education and youth reengagement programs and do not allow a student enrolled in both to exceed 1.0 full-time equivalent in any month.

In addition, for all students enrolled in youth dropout reengagement programs, OSPI is considering rule making concerning possible updates to the face-to-face contact requirement for students, to expand options beyond in-person communication. Updates may also include a change to the attendance requirement definition that would allow for updates to the face-to-face contact requirement.

Process for Developing New Rule: Early solicitation of public comments and recommendations respecting new, amended, or repealed rules, and consideration of the comments and recommendations in the course of drafting rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Becky McLean, OSPI Enrollment Supervisor, OSPI, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-6306, fax 360-664-3683, TTY 360-664-3631, email becky.mclean@k12.wa.us, website k12.wa.us.

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