

**WAC 392-109-100 Receipt of ballots and count of votes.** (1) As official ballot return envelopes are received by the superintendent of public instruction, a preliminary determination must be made as to the eligibility of the elector, and a record must be made on a list of eligible electors and approved private schools that the elector has voted.

(2) Official ballot return envelopes not submitted in compliance with this chapter and other envelopes containing ballots must be set aside for a final review and acceptance or rejection by the election counting boards.

(3) The counting boards must convene for the purpose of counting votes on the date included on the election timeline.

(a) Official ballot return envelopes accepted by the election committee must be opened and the secrecy envelopes containing the official ballots shall be removed and placed aside still sealed.

(b) The inner unmarked envelopes shall then be opened and the votes counted by the election committee.

(4) The office of superintendent of public instruction must not make or maintain any record of the candidate for whom any elector cast his or her vote.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.021. WSR 17-15-101, § 392-109-100, filed 7/18/17, effective 8/18/17. Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.305 RCW and 2005 c 497. WSR 05-22-007, § 392-109-100, filed 10/20/05, effective 11/20/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.020. WSR 96-08-001 (Order 96-05), § 392-109-100, filed 3/21/96, effective 4/21/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.020. WSR 84-11-038 (Order 84-8), § 392-109-100, filed 5/15/84; WSR 80-07-038 (Order 80-20), § 392-109-100, filed 6/17/80.]