

WAC 132W-277-080 Requests for public records. (1) Requests for public records shall be made in person at, or mailed to the administrative office of the district at Wenatchee Valley College, 1300 5th St, Wenatchee, WA 98801 or emailed to the address located at www.wvc.edu. In accordance with the requirements of RCW 42.56.100 that agencies prevent unreasonable invasions of privacy, protect public records from damage or disorganization, and prevent excessive interference with essential functions of the agency, the district shall honor only public records requests made in person during normal office hours or by mail or email to the addresses listed above, for identifiable public records not subject to an exemption under chapter 42.56 RCW. A public records request must be for identifiable public records. A request for all or substantially all records prepared, owned, used, or retained by an agency is not a valid request for identifiable records under chapter 42.56 RCW, provided that a request for all records regarding a particular topic or containing a particular keyword or name shall not be considered a request for all of an agency's records. The district shall not distinguish among persons requesting records, and such persons shall not be required to provide information as to the purpose for the request except to establish whether inspection and copying would violate RCW 42.56.070(8) or 42.56.240(14), or other statute which exempts or prohibits disclosure of specific information or records to certain persons. The district's facilities shall be made available to any person for the copying of public records except when and to the extent that this would unreasonably disrupt the operations of the district.

(2) No official format is required for making a records request. To help expedite the process of requesting records the district recommends that requests be made in writing upon a form prescribed by the district, which shall be available at the district administrative office or at www.wvc.edu. The district recommends that the form be presented to the public records officer or, if the public records officer is not available, to any member of the district's staff at the district administrative office during customary office hours, or mail to the district office or by email to the email address located at www.wvc.edu. The request should include the following information:

- (a) The name of the person requesting the record;
- (b) The time of day and calendar date on which the request was made;
- (c) A description of the record(s) requested.

(3) In all cases in which a member of the public is making a request, it shall be the obligation of the public records officer, or person to whom the request is made, to assist the member of the public in succinctly identifying the public record requested.

(4) The district may deny a bot request that is one of multiple requests from the requestor to the district within a twenty-four-hour period, if the district establishes that responding to the multiple requests would cause excessive interference with other essential functions of the district. For purposes of this subsection, "bot request" means a request for public records that the district reasonably believes was automatically generated by a computer program or script.

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