

WAC 495A-276-080 Requests for public records. (1) The public records officer or designee will provide assistance to any member of the public requesting to inspect the records of the district. However, a person seeking records must make a specific request for identifiable records and must clearly state that the inquiry is a public records request.

(2) 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.

(3) The public records officer or designee will take action on a request for public records in a timely manner. In accordance with RCW 42.56.520, the requestor will receive a response within five days of receipt of the request by the district. If the request cannot be completed within five days, the public records officer will provide a reasonable time estimate for a complete response to the request. If the request is particularly large or complex, resulting in a large number of responsive documents or requiring significant redaction, the public records officer and the requestor may enter into an agreement by which the records are made available in installments at specific intervals.

(4) If the requestor fails to respond within fifteen days to a request from the public records officer for clarification of all or part of the public records request, the request or part of the request requiring clarification will be considered withdrawn and no further action will be taken.

(5) The requestor must claim or review the assembled records within thirty days of receiving notification that the records are available for inspection or copying. If the requestor or a representative of the requestor fails to claim or review the records within the thirty-day period or make other arrangements, the district will close the request and refile the assembled records.

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