

WSR 21-07-111
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 392-550-040 Truancy, in alternative learning experience (ALE).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28A.232.010 and 28A.232.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Office of superintendent of public instruction (OSPI) is initiating permanent rule making to reflect emergency adjustments made to WAC 392-550-040 concerning the ALE truancy process. Emergency rules were implemented for the 2020-21 school year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the requirement of many school districts to shift their instructional models, either completely or partially, in order to ensure the safety of their students, staff, and communities.

Process for Developing New Rule: Early solicitation of feedback and recommendations regarding new or amended rules, and consideration of the comments and recommendations in the course of drafting rules. OSPI will follow the process for establishing a definition of student absence from school as prescribed in RCW 28A.300.046 (1)(a).

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Anissa Sharratt, OSPI, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-4954, TTY 360-664-3631, email anissa.sharratt@k12.wa.us, website k12.wa.us.

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