



Adult Status Information

Notice to Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Custodian(s) Regarding Student Adult Status

The laws of the State of Washington (RCW 26.28.010) state: "Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all persons shall be deemed and taken to be of full age for all purposes at the age of eighteen years." Students 16 years of age or older who have been granted legal emancipation from their parents/guardians have the same rights of an eighteen-year-old.

"**Adult status**," for school purposes, means the student:

- Must approve disclosure of any information about themselves from school records, or the release of school records, except as otherwise provided by law.
- May sign releases, authorizations, permission to participate in school activities.
- May sign themselves out of school and authorize their own absence.

A student eighteen years of age or older, being legally an adult, shall have full responsibility for his/her behavior and the consequences thereof. If the adult status student is claimed by the parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s) for Internal Revenue Services purposes as a dependent, the parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s):

- Shall continue to have disciplinary actions regarding the student's conduct referred to them.
- Shall be entitled to access the student's educational records.

If the adult status student is not a dependent of the parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s), the parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s) shall be entitled to access the student's records only upon the consent of the adult status student.