



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

CR-103E (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

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DATE: May 16, 2025

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Agency: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- ☒ Immediately upon filing.
☐ Later (specify) _____

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: OSPI is adopting emergency rulemaking in the area of student discipline with revisions that are intended to: (1) update statutory definitions of discipline that are in alignment with current law; (2) require school boards to establish policies for reporting and notification when classroom exclusions occur; (3) clarify the scope of authority for teachers when administering classroom exclusions; (4) make evident the standards and procedures that educators must follow to maintain an optimal learning environment for all students; (5) promote the involvement of families as integral partners in helping students to be successful, and (6) ensure manageable data and reporting requirements from each level of the system, where applicable (i.e., classroom, school, district, state, etc.). Adopting these rule updates before the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year would allow these critical changes involving the health and safety of both students and educators to take effect immediately.

This is a renewal of emergency rule filing as OSPI continues to conduct permanent rulemaking concerning these clarifications.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:

Repealed:

Amended: WAC 392-190-048, 392-400-010, 392-400-020, 392-400-025, 392-400-110, 392-400-330, 392-400-335, 392-400-435, 392-400-440, 392-400-445, 392-400-455, 392-400-460, 392-400-510, 392-400-515, 392-400-520, 392-400-525, 392-400-530, 392-400-610, 392-401-020, 392-401-040

Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 28A.300.046; RCW 28A.600.010; RCW 28A.600.015; RCW 28A.600.020

Other authority:

EMERGENCY RULE

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- ☒ That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- ☐ That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding: The timing of the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the planned comprehensive roll-out of revised student discipline rules and professional development for educators at all levels of the K-12 education system. Unclear sections of the rules, coupled with new challenges in student behavior and mental health following the pandemic, require immediate intervention to preserve the K-12 instructional environment as students and educators return to the classroom this fall. OSPI is also replacing the prejudicial term "emergency expulsion" with the term "emergency removal" in the context of student discipline in compliance with legislative mandates under RCW 28A.600.495.

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	_____	Amended	<u>20</u>	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

Date Adopted: May 16, 2025

Name: Chris Reykdal

Title: State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Signature:

