



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 392-425 WAC – Transition to Kindergarten

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6260 (2026); RCW 28A.150.290; RCW 28A.300.072

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: In accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6260 (2026) and RCW 28A.300.072, OSPI is considering to amend chapter 392-425 WAC to adopt permanent rules authorizing local education agencies to charge sliding scale fees for enrollment in the transition to kindergarten (TK) program and to establish rules related to the allocation of state funding for TK programs. Permanent rule adoption is necessary to implement statutory changes enacted by the Washington State Legislature, and to ensure school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools have the rules and guidance necessary for implementation during the 2027-28 school year, including enrollment, budgeting, and program planning timelines.

Permanent rules are necessary to implement ESSB 6260 (2026) in time for the 2027-28 school year. Local education agencies require timely rules regarding sliding scale fees and state funding allocation criteria in order to conduct enrollment, staffing, budgeting, and program planning activities prior to the start of the school year. Delayed adoption would create uncertainty regarding program administration and funding distribution and could impair implementation of legislatively enacted requirements.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

Negotiated rule making

Pilot rule making

Agency study

Other (describe) Early solicitation of feedback and recommendations concerning new or amended rules, and consideration of comments and recommendations in the course of drafting rule language.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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