

# OSPI Rule Making Public Hearing

## Public Hearing and Comment Period for Rule Making

OSPI will hold a public hearing for proposed changes to rules, also known as Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Changes to the following WAC chapters or sections are being considered:

- **WAC Sections 392-122-430 through -455, re: Physical, Social, Emotional School Support (PSES)**

The purpose of the hearing and comment period is to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the WAC/rule language. **Please review the proposed changes before submitting comments or testifying.**

## Participating in the Public Hearing and Comment Period

Due to ongoing public health concerns caused by the COVID-19 virus, the public hearing will be held online, via Zoom.

You can participate in the rules hearing and comment period by:

**1. Submitting written comments by Thursday, September 29, 2022:**

- **Email:** [Thomas.kelly@k12.wa.us](mailto:Thomas.kelly@k12.wa.us) (please include "Rules" in email subject line)
- **Mail:** OSPI, Attn: Thomas Kelly, PO Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504

**2. Attend the public hearing (webinar).** Please follow the link below to register to participate in the hearing. Once registered, you will receive the hearing link via email.

- **Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 1:15pm.** [Add your name to the participant list \(link\).](#)
- If you plan to testify during the hearing, please indicate that when you register. For those testifying, each person will have up to five (5) minutes to comment during the hearing. Please ensure your comments are specific to the proposed WAC language.

For questions about the rules hearing process, please contact the OSPI Rules Coordinator, Kristin Murphy, at [Kristin.murphy@k12.wa.us](mailto:Kristin.murphy@k12.wa.us).



## PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

### NEW SECTION

**WAC 392-122-430 Physical, social, and emotional support (PSES) staff—Apportionment of state moneys.** (1) State moneys for PSES staff shall be allocated as provided in this chapter.

(2) PSES staff allocations based on the prototypical school formula provided in RCW 28A.150.260 and the Omnibus Appropriations Act for PSES staff will be based upon budgeted assumptions as provided in the F-203 revenue estimate from September through December for the year budgeted.

(3) School districts, charter schools, and tribal compact schools must input their estimated PSES staffing penalty units, if applicable, for purposes of funding from September through December.

(4) Enrollment will only include student full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolled in the general education program 01 as defined in RCW 28A.150.260.

(5) Funded ratios starting with January apportionment will be based on actual average annual FTE enrollment reported in the P-223.

(6) School districts, charter schools, and tribal compact schools must meet the legislative compliance requirements of PSES staffing to generate the full allotment.

### NEW SECTION

**WAC 392-122-435 Physical, social, and emotional support (PSES)—Student enrollment.** (1) Grade level enrollment reported on the P-223 will be considered in the compliance calculations for January, March, and June.

(2) Only students in program 01 - Basic education will be included in the calculation. Enrollment in career and technical education, skill center, alternative learning experience, open doors, and running start programs will be excluded from the calculation.

### NEW SECTION

**WAC 392-122-440 Physical, social, and emotional support (PSES)—Staff.** (1) The superintendent of public instruction will include in the calculation of PSES compliance of those staff that are coded in programs 01 or 97 to one of the following duty root and activity code combinations:

- Duty root 39 - All activities - Orientation and mobility specialist;
  - Duty root 42 - All activities - Counselor;
  - Duty root 43 - All activities - Occupational therapist;
  - Duty root 44 - All activities - Social worker;
  - Duty root 45 - All activities - Speech, language pathology/ audio;
  - Duty root 46 - All activities - Psychologists;
  - Duty root 47 - All activities - Nurse;
  - Duty root 48 - All activities - Physical therapist;
  - Duty root 49 - All activities - Behavior therapist;
  - Duty root 64 - All activities - Contractor ESA;
  - Duty root 96 - Activity 24 - Family engagement coordinator;
  - Duty roots 91 - 99 - Activity 25 - Pupil management and safety;
  - Duty roots 91 - 99 - Activity 26 - Health/related services.
- (2) S-275 data as of the published apportionment cutoff dates in January, March, and June will be considered in the calculation.
- (3) Districts must prioritize funding allocated for PSES staff to staff who hold a valid ESA certificate appropriate for that role.
- (4) Staff coded to the above duty roots and activity codes in program 21 will be multiplied by the annual percentage of students receiving special education instruction used in the determination of 3121 revenue for inclusion in the compliance calculation.

NEW SECTION

**WAC 392-122-445 Physical, social, and emotional support (PSES) compliance—Contracted and supplemental staff.** (1) Eligible staff working under contract and staff not required to be reported in the S-275 must be reported to the superintendent of public instruction prior to the published S-275 apportionment cutoff dates in January, March, and June to be considered.

(2) The full-time equivalency of supplemental staff reported must be reported as less than a 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE).

(3) The full-time equivalency (FTE) of staff providing services under contract should be reported as determined in the contracting agreement or defined at the local school district level.

(4) Supplemental staff reporting should include decreases as well as increases in staff after October 1st and not reflected in report S-275. Decreases include terminations, retirements, unpaid leave, and reassignments of staff.

NEW SECTION

**WAC 392-122-450 Physical, social, and emotional support (PSES) compliance—Calculations.** (1) Funded staffing units will be calculated using each grade level funding formula calculations.

(2) Staffing units will be combined at the district level and compared to the staffing units generated using the prototypical funding model.

(3) Penalty units are determined by subtracting the prototypical funded staff units from the district's actual funded units.

(4) Staff in the S-275 or the supplemental tool not assigned to a valid grade grouping will be included into the high school funding formula.

NEW SECTION

**WAC 392-122-455 Physical, social, and emotional support (PSES)—Penalty for noncompliance.** (1) Penalty units identified by the calculations will be split between certificated instructional staff and classified staff based on the percentage that each contributes to the combined total of certificated instructional staff and classified staff in the physical, social, and emotional support staff for that school year at the state level.

(2) Any adjustments to those calculations will be made in January, March, and June apportionment payments.