

LOCAL STUDENT RESIDENCY

Students living within a 45-mile radius will be considered local students. Due to unique communication needs, WSD strives to provide local WSD students access to opportunities for increased communication, and intellectual, physical, and social/emotional skills by participating in after-school activities and independent living skills supervised by WSD staff. Residency at WSD provides local WSD students the opportunity to develop self-esteem via Deaf role models, peer leadership, and the development of American Sign Language skills.

Parents of local students who wish to have their students reside in the dorm (either full-time or part-time) must fill out the [Official Request for Local Students to Stay in the Dorm form](#) that is found on the WSD website (under the Student Life Section). All requests must be submitted two weeks before the requested start date. After receipt of the form, the dorm administrative team will look over your request and contact you to let you know if the request is approved or denied.

Local students are subject to residency limitations and must meet the criteria set forth below:

- **Bed availability**
- **Student to staff ratio**
- **Acceptable behavior**
- **Social, emotional, and communication needs**
- **Distance**

Local student occupancy will start on the first Monday in October.

Students who participate in a WSD sport can stay in the dorm once their athletic season has begun. Approval will be based on the same criteria listed above. The [Official Request for Local Students to Stay in the Dorm form](#) must be filled out and submitted two weeks before the first day of practice. Exceptions will be made in special circumstances. After receipt of the form, the dorm administrative team will look over your request and contact you to let you know if the request is approved or denied.

Non-residential local students are encouraged to participate in residence hall activities. However, student-to-staff ratios will be considered. The Directors of Student Life reserve the right to grant visitation at their discretion. When a child is not able to attend regular school classes during the day, the child will not be allowed to participate in the residence hall after school either. If your child attends only half days of school, she/he cannot be dropped off at the dorm before 3:10 PM.

If established student-to-staff ratios for age groups and special needs students are at maximum, local students applying for residency will be placed on a waiting list. The Directors of Student Life shall determine whether there is adequate staff to provide safe supervision to all students residing in the dorm.

DAY STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

Parents of local students who wish to have their students participate in dorm activities must fill out the [Official Request for Local Students to Stay in the Dorm form](#) that is found on the WSD website (under the Student Life Section). All requests must be submitted two weeks before the date of the activity. After receipt of the form, the dorm administrative team will look over your request and contact you to let you know if the request is approved or denied.

When a day student returns to WSD for a community event during after-school hours, such as observing athletic games, the student remains under the responsibility of his/her parent/guardian. Students must always be accompanied by a parent when on campus to attend such events. WSD dorm staff and the Health Center staff do not become responsible for the supervision and care of day students if parents do not comply with this requirement. Police supervision will be obtained when a day student is found on campus in the evenings without prior arrangements being made with the Director of Student Life or when not accompanied by a parent. While the Health Center staff will provide assistance with emergencies or will provide an ice pack or band-aid as requested by a parent, the Health Center staff will not provide care to day students in the evening without the parent present.