

PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

In accordance with <u>RCW 34.05.330</u>, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) created this form for individuals or groups who wish to petition a state agency or institution of higher education to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule. You may use this form to submit your request. You also may contact agencies using other formats, such as a letter or email.

The agency or institution will give full consideration to your petition and will respond to you within 60 days of receiving your petition. For more information on the rule petition process, see Chapter 82-05 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) at http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=82-05.

CONTACT INFORMATION (please type or print)

Petitioner's Name		
Name of Organization		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone	Email	

COMPLETING AND SENDING PETITION FORM

- Check all of the boxes that apply.
- Provide relevant examples.
- Include suggested language for a rule, if possible.
- Attach additional pages, if needed.
- Send your petition to the agency with authority to adopt or administer the rule. Here is a list of agencies and their rules coordinators: <u>http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Documents/RClist.htm</u>.

INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION

Agency responsible for adopting or administering the rule:

1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.

The subject (or purpose) of this rule is:

The rule is needed because:

The new rule would affect the following people or groups:

2. AMEND RULE - I am requesting the agency to change an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known:
I am requesting the following change:
This change is needed because:
The effect of this rule change will be:
The rule is not clearly or simply stated:
3. REPEAL RULE - I am requesting the agency to eliminate an existing rule.
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List rule number (WAC), if known:
(Check one or more boxes)
☐ It does not do what it was intended to do.
It is no longer needed because:
It imposes unreasonable costs:
The agency has no authority to make this rule:
It is applied differently to public and private parties:
It conflicts with another federal, state, or local law or rule. List conflicting law or rule, if known:
It duplicates another federal, state or local law or rule. List duplicate law or rule, if known:
Other (please explain):

Add Color Blindness to Student Visual Testing

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I am requesting that WAC 246-760-070 (2) be amended to include testing of all students enrolled in Washington schools for color blindness.

Color blindness is more common than most people realize. One out every 12 boys is colorblind. One out of every 200 girls is colorblind. In a classroom of 24 students, on average one student will be colorblind. This means that most classrooms in our state have a colorblind student.

From pie charts that have different colors to red ink that indicates a wrong answer, visual cues are critical in learning. Too many students don't learn that they are colorblind until later in life. And too few teachers realize that students in their classroom may not be able to distinguish what they are trying to teach.

All schools are required to test the vision of their students in Washington State. Adding a test for color blindness is cheap and can be done quickly. It takes relatively little time to ask a student to find the number or shape in a picture of colored dots. The impact on students who don't know they are colorblind could be quite large. It will aid in their ability to learn in the classroom and to understand why kids might make fun of them for not coloring something correctly.

I respectfully submit the request to have the State of Washington join the 11 other states that mandate the testing of color blindness in school children.

Sincerely,

John Strick