



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

## PERMANENT RULE ONLY

**CR-103P (December 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.360)**

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FILED

DATE: July 15, 2025

TIME: 8:54 AM

WSR 25-15-072

**Agency:** Washington State Board of Health

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- ☒ 31 days after filing.  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

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

- ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** Chapter 246-760 WAC – Hearing Screening Standards for School Districts. The purpose of this adopted rule is to update the State Board of Health's (Board's) existing hearing screening standards for school districts. These rules establish requirements for annual preventative hearing and vision screenings, including which students are screened, how often, approved tools, referral criteria, procedures, and staff qualifications. The hearing screening sections of the rule were most recently updated in 2002. Since then, the Board has updated the vision screening sections of the rule, and new hearing screening technology and standards have become available. The adopted updates modernize the Board's hearing screening standards, and will help school districts and screening staff improve hearing screening programs while keeping the rules clear and effective.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

**New:** WAC 246-760-025

**Repealed:** N/A

**Amended:** WAC 246-760-001, WAC 246-760-010, WAC 246-760-020, WAC 246-760-030, WAC 246-760-040, WAC 246-760-050, WAC 246-760-060, WAC 246-760-100

**Suspended:** N/A

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 28A.210.020

**Other authority:** None

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as **WSR 25-09-146** on **June 4, 2025**.

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: Several minor, non-substantial editorial and clarifying edits were adopted at the June 4th rules hearing, including:

- Revising terminology for consistency and accuracy across rule sections.
- Refining language to reflect the practical realities of school screening environments.
- Clarifying referral procedures to give schools flexibility in how they refer students for further evaluation.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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Web site: <https://sboh.wa.gov/rulemaking/agency-rules-and-activity/hearing-screening-standards-washington-schools>

Other:

**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	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Federal rules or standards:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

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

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

New	<u>1</u>	Amended	<u>8</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

Negotiated rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Pilot rule making:	New	<u>0</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>
Other alternative rule making:	New	<u>1</u>	Amended	<u>8</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

**Date Adopted:** 06/04/2025

**Name:** Michelle A. Davis

**Title:** Executive Director

**Signature:**

