

Postsecondary Education Support Agenda 6/30/11

To be discussed:

A. Items of Consensus:

1. The child should be enrolled on a “full-time, per term basis”.
2. If support is suspended for any reason, the members present agree that the suspension should be re-established at the end of the next quarter or semester when the transcripts are available. This will be in-line with the guidelines of most of the educational facilities in Washington.
3. When should postsecondary educational support be terminated?
4. Payments made to other parent.

B. Items to further clarify:

1. Although section 3.13 of the support order states that support is terminated when the child reaches 18 or graduates high school whichever is later but may be reserved before that per section 3.14, there is no statute to require it. After the age of majority should parents be able to go to court for the child.
2. Work group thinks that there should be some requirement for the child to help with financing school but do not agree with 1/3rd. What amount should the child provide.
3. Work group would like to know how we would facilitate financial aid and/or funding from other people that is intended to help with education (i.e. grandparent gives money to the child to help with schooling) if the person helping stops payment.
4. Any pre-funding from savings, college funds, etc. shall be deducted from that parent's share and postsecondary support shall be treated in the same manner as it would if funding were provided on a monthly basis with regard to minor children. (Ex. Dad saves money for children's college and pays the school directly for tuition and books for the whole year. Dad should be able to deduct the amount paid from his portion of PSES. If there are other minor children then the dicta of Daubert should apply and the child should still be included when determining child support for the other children.)
5. Tuition should not exceed costs of an in-state college tuition