

# Supplement--The Chemawa American

## NEW REGULATIONS AND RULES.

SUBJECT: CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF PUPILS TO NON-RESERVATION SCHOOLS.

We give herewith the new regulations concerning the transfer of Indian pupils to non-reservation schools. The two letters of instruction, one written to the Superintendents of non-reservation schools and the other to Agents and Superintendents of Reservations correlate. Hereafter pupils and their parents living on reservations desiring to attend non-reservation schools will make the arrangement through their agent or superintendent, who will furnish them transportation upon their request.

This change is a step forward and will put to the test our Indian young men and girls who desire a more advanced education than they can obtain at home. Should any of our friends desire any information concerning the advantages of Chemawa, we are always ready and willing to give the same.

Chemawa is an industrial school and is proud of the industrial records of her graduates and ex-pupils who are fighting life's battles in various parts of the Northwest.

U. S. Indian Agents and Superintendents in charge of Agencies.

Gentlemen:

For your information there is enclosed a copy of a circular of even date herewith, addressed to Superintendents of Non-reservation Schools.

You will note that a radical change is made in the method of procuring pupils for these schools in that hereafter the Superintendents will not be permitted to send collecting agents into the field for the purpose of inducing parents to send their children to their respective schools. The power and authority to arrange all transfers requested by parents living on your reservation being hereby vested in you.

You will allow Indian parents the largest latitude in their choice of schools, insisting only that all children of school age who are physically eligible should be placed in

some good school and kept in regular attendance. When parents or guardians wish to give their children the advantages of a term of training in a non-reservation school, they will make their wishes known to you, designating the school of their choice. You will then correspond promptly with the Superintendent of the school and make the necessary enrollment arrangements for a term of not less than three years. In each case the official consent blank must be used, and you will see that it is properly prepared in duplicate, one copy accompanying the child and the other being retained in your files.

Where parent or guardian desires to place his children in a non-reservation school but leaves the selection of the school expressly to you, you will use your discretion in the matter, taking into consideration climatic conditions, age and characteristics of the pupils, distance, expense of transportation and character of industries taught.

No pressure must be brought to bear by you or any other government employe to force any child into a nonreservation school or to keep any from going to a school designated by the parents or guardian unless, because of health or mental or other deficiency association with other pupils should be prevented.

The actual and legitimate expense of sending a pupil to a non-reservation school will be paid by this Office on proper vouchers presented by you. Where an escort is required, a full explanation of the necessity therefor must accompany the voucher for such expenditure, and if legitimate, it will be allowed. It is suggested however, for the sake of economy, that wherever practicable children be sent in parties rather than singly. All vouchers for transportation of pupils and escorts should be transmitted to the Office as soon as the expense is incurred.

All rules and regulations in force up to and including this date, relating to the transfer of pupils to non-reservation schools and instructions by circular or otherwise, must be observed except where contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions herein contained. Acknowledge receipt of this circular.

Very respectfully,  
(Signed) F. E. LEUPP,  
Commissioner.