

## **Compulsory Attendance\*\***

Except when exempt by Oregon law, all students between ages 6-18 who have not completed the 12th grade are required to regularly attend a public full-time school during the entire school term.

All students five years of age who have enrolled in a public school are required to attend regularly while enrolled in the public school.

Persons having legal responsibility for a student between the ages 6-18 who has not completed the 12th grade are required to have the student attend and maintain regular attendance during the school term. Persons having legal responsibility of a student who is five years of age and has enrolled the child in a public school are required to have the student attend and maintain regular attendance during the school term.

Under the superintendent's direction and supervision, attendance supervisors shall monitor and report any violation of the compulsory attendance law to the superintendent or designee. Failure to send a student and to maintain a student in regular attendance is a Class C violation.

The district will develop procedures for issuing a citation.

A parent who is not supervising their student by requiring school attendance may also be in violation of Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 163.577(1)(c). Failing to supervise a child is a Class A violation. Regular attendance is defined by Oregon law as attendance which does not include more than eight unexcused one-half day absences or the equivalent in any four-week period school is in session. A student must be withdrawn from the active roll on the day following the tenth consecutive full day of absence.

In addition, under policy JHFDA-Suspension of Driving Privileges, the district may report students with 10 consecutive days unexcused absence or 15 cumulative unexcused absences in a single semester to the Oregon Department of Transportation.

### **Exemptions from Compulsory School Attendance**

In the following cases, students shall not be required to attend public schools full time:

1. Students being taught in a private or parochial school in courses of study usually taught in kindergarten through grade 12 in the public schools and in attendance for a period equivalent to that required of students attending public schools.
2. Students proving to the Board's satisfaction that they have acquired equivalent knowledge to that acquired in the courses of study taught in kindergarten through grade 12 in the public schools.

3. Students being taught, by a private teacher, the courses of study usually taught in kindergarten through grade 12 in the public school for a period equivalent to that required of students attending public schools.
4. Students being educated in the home by a parent. When a student is taught or is withdrawn from a public school to be taught by a parent or private teacher, the parent or teacher must notify the Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District (ESD) in writing within 10 days of such occurrence. In addition, when a home-schooled student moves to a new ESD, the parent shall notify the new ESD in writing, within 10 days, of the intent to continue home schooling. The ESD superintendent shall acknowledge receipt of any notification in writing within 90 days of receipt of the notification. The ESD is to notify, at least annually, school districts of home-schooled students who reside in their district.
5. Students excluded from attendance as provided by law.
6. An exemption may be granted to the parent of any student 16 or 17 years of age who is lawfully employed full time, or who is lawfully employed part time and enrolled in school, or enrolled in a community college, or an alternative education program as defined in ORS 336.615.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 153.018](#)  
[ORS 163.577](#)  
[ORS 336.615 to -336.665](#)  
[ORS 339.010 to -339.090](#)  
[ORS 339.095](#)

[ORS 339.990](#)  
[ORS 807.065](#)  
[ORS 807.066](#)  
  
[OAR 581-021-0026](#)

[OAR 581-021-0029](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0071](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0077](#)  
  
 SB 321 (2015)