

Compulsory School Attendance

ORS 339.010 requires all children between the ages of 7 and 18 years who have not completed the 12th grade to attend a public full-time school of the School District in which they reside except as exempted by 339.030.

ORS 339.020 requires every person having control of any child between the ages of 7 and 18 who has not completed the 12th grade to send such child and to maintain him/her in regular school attendance at a school during the entire term except as exempted by ORS 339.030.

ORS 339.030 provides certain exemptions from attendance at public full-time schools. These exemptions include:

1. Children being taught in a private or parochial school in the courses of study usually taught in grades 1 through 12 in the public schools and in attendance for a period equivalent to that required of children attending public schools during the school year.
2. Children proving to the satisfaction of the School Board that they have acquired equivalent knowledge to that acquired in the courses of study taught in grades 1 through 12 in the public schools.
3. Children being taught for a period equivalent to that required of children attending public schools by a private teacher the courses of study usually taught in grades 1 through 12 in the public school.
4. Children being educated in the home by a parent/legal guardian.
5. Children excluded from attendance as provided by law.
6. The State Board of Education by rule shall establish procedures whereby, on a semiannual basis, an exemption from compulsory attendance may be granted to the parent/legal guardian of any child 16 or 17 years of age who is lawfully employed full time, lawfully employed part time and enrolled in school, or enrolled in a community college or other state-registered alternative education program. Such exemption also may be granted to any child who is an emancipated minor or who has initiated the procedure for emancipation under ORS 419B.550 to 419B.558.