

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

Except when exempt by Oregon law, all students between ages 6 and 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 of age who have been enrolled in a public school are required to attend regularly while enrolled in the public school.

Persons having legal control of a student between the ages 6 and 18, who has not completed the 12th grade, are required to have the student attend and maintain the child in regular attendance during the school term. Persons having legal control 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 the child in 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 his/her 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.

In addition, under policy JHFDA - Suspension of Driving Privileges, the district may report students with 10 consecutive days unexcused absence or 15 cumulative days 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.
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, a community college or an alternative education program as defined in ORS 336.615.
7. An exemption 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.

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 419B.550](#) to -419B.558  
[ORS 807.065](#)  
[ORS 807.066](#)

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