

Truancy/Compulsory School Attendance**

Except as provided in Oregon law all children between the ages of 6 and 18 years who have not completed the 12th grade are required to regularly attend a public full-time school during the entire school term.

Except as provided by Oregon law, every person having control of any child between the ages of 6 and 18 years who has not completed the 12th grade is required to send such child to, and maintain such child in regular attendance at a public school, full-time during the entire school term. Every person having legal control of a child 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.

A child shall not be required to attend public school if exempted by Oregon law in any of the following cases:

1. A child being taught in a private or parochial school in the courses of study usually taught in kindergarten through grade 12 in a public school, and in attendance for a period equivalent to that required of children attending public schools;
2. A child with proven equivalent knowledge to that acquired in courses of study taught in kindergarten through grade 12 in public school;
3. A child 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 children attending public schools;
4. A child with an approved home-school exemption;
5. A child 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 Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 336.615; or
6. A child otherwise exempted by law.

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. Violation of the compulsory attendance law 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 ORS 163.577 (1)(c). Failing to supervise a child is a Class A violation. In addition, under policy JHFDA - Suspension of Student's Driving Privileges, the district may report students with 10 consecutive days

unexcused absence or 15 cumulative days unexcused absence in a single semester to the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The superintendent or designee will develop administrative regulations to implement procedures to maintain children in school with regular attendance and the intent of this policy.

END OF POLICY

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](#)

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