

Compulsory Attendance

Except when exempt by Oregon law, all students ages 7-18 who have not completed the 12th grade are required to attend school full time on a regular basis at the designated school within the attendance area.

Persons having legal control of a student ages 7-18 who has not completed the 12th grade are required to have the student attend school. Under the superintendent's direction and supervision, building principals shall monitor and report any violation of the compulsory attendance law. Violation may be reported to the Umatilla County District Attorney for prosecution.

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 grades one through 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 school Board's satisfaction that they have acquired the courses of study taught in grades one through 12 in the public schools;
3. Students being taught by a parent or private teacher the courses of study usually taught in grades one through 12 in the public school for a period equivalent to that required of students attending public schools;
 - a. Before students are taught by a parent or private teacher, the parent or teacher must notify the education service district superintendent in writing. The ESD superintendent shall acknowledge receipt of notification in writing and inform the school district superintendent of the student's residence. Notification must be received and acknowledged before a child is withdrawn from school and thereafter before the start of each school year;
 - b. The work of students being taught by a parent or private teacher must be examined. Such examinations shall be prepared by the State Board of Education and provided to Umatilla Education Service District upon request. If the Education Service District Superintendent determines after examination that the students are not being taught properly, the officer shall order the person having control of the student to send them to school for the remainder of the school year;
3. Students excluded from attendance as provided by law;

4. An exemption may be granted to the parent of any student 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.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 153.018](#)

[ORS 163.577](#)

[ORS 336.615 - 336.665](#)

[ORS 339.010 - 339.090](#)

[ORS 339.260](#)

[ORS 339.925](#)

[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](#)