

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

Oregon law requires all students ages 7-18 who have not completed the 12th grade to regularly attend a public school full-time during the entire school term, unless exempt. The law requires all students five or six years of age to attend public school regularly if they have been enrolled. 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. Persons having legal control of a student who is five or six years of age and enrolled in a public school are required to have the student maintain regular attendance.

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. The district will develop procedures for issuing citations in conformance with state law.

Oregon law prescribes that failure to send and maintain a student in regular attendance is a Class C violation. 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," which is a Class A violation. Board policy JHFDA - Suspension of Driving Privileges and state law also allow the district to report to the Oregon Department of Transportation any student who, in a single semester, has 10 consecutive days unexcused absence or 15 cumulative days unexcused absence.

### **Exemptions from Compulsory School Attendance<sup>1</sup>**

Students may not be required to attend public schools full-time in the following cases:

1. Students being taught in private or parochial schools in courses of study usually taught in grades 1-12 in public schools and in attendance for a period equivalent to that required of students attending public schools;
2. Students proving to the district's satisfaction that they have acquired knowledge equivalent to that acquired in the courses of study taught in grades 1-12 in the public schools;
3. Students being taught by a private teacher the courses of study usually taught in grades 1-12 in public schools for a period equivalent to that required of students attending public schools;
4. Students being educated in the home by a parent or guardian;
5. Students excluded from attendance as provided by law;

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<sup>1</sup>Oregon law (ORS 339.030) requires that a parent, guardian or private teacher who educates a student must ensure that the student complies with certain registration and testing requirements. For a complete list of those requirements, contact the Clackamas Education Service District, or consult a private attorney.

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 is lawfully employed part-time and enrolled in school, a community college or 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 339.925](#)

[ORS 339.990](#)

[ORS 807.065](#)

[ORS 807.066](#)

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