

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 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.

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 1-12 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 by the courses of study taught in grades 1-12 in the public schools;
3. Students being taught by a parent or private teacher the courses of study usually taught in grades 1-12 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 Notification must be received and acknowledged before a student is withdrawn from school and thereafter before the start of each school year;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 annually. Such examinations shall be prepared by the State Board of Education and provided to Washington County 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;

4. Students excluded from attendance as provided by law;
5. Under rules established by the State Department of Education on a semi-annual basis, 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. Such exemption also may be granted to a student who is emancipated or has initiated emancipation procedures.

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](#)

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