
Compulsory Attendance**

Except when exempt by Oregon law, all children between ages 6 and 18 who have not completed the 12th grade are required to regularly attend a public, full-time school. All children age 5 and 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 **who is at least five years of age and who** has enrolled in a public school are required to **send have** the student **to school attend** and maintain the child in regular attendance during the entire school term.

The building principal or designee shall monitor and report any violation of the compulsory attendance law to the superintendent or designee.

~~The district will develop procedures for issuing a citation.~~

A parent who is not supervising their child 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.

Exemptions from Compulsory School Attendance

In the following cases, children shall not be required to attend public, full-time schools:

1. Children 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. Children 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. Children who have received a high school diploma or a modified diploma.
4. Children being taught by a private teacher; the courses of study usually taught in kindergarten through grade 12 in the public schools for a period equivalent to that required of students attending public schools.
5. Children being educated in the home by a parent, [legal guardian](#) or private teacher:
 - a. When a student is taught or is withdrawn from a public school to be taught by a parent, [legal guardian](#) or private teacher, the parent, [legal guardian](#) or [private](#) teacher must notify the Northwest Regional Education Service District (ESD) in writing within 10 days of such occurrence. [In addition, when such a student moves to a new ESD, the parent, guardian or private teacher shall notify the new ESD in writing, within 10 days, of the intent to continue home schooling.](#)

- b. [The ESD is required to acknowledge receipt of notifications of homeschooling in writing within 90 days of the receipt of the notification, and notify the school district at least annually of students who reside in the district and are registered with the ESD.](#)
 - c. [Each child being taught by a parent or private teacher as described above shall be examined by a neutral, qualified individual following grades 3, 5, 8 and 10, and must meet other requirements in accordance with state law.](#)
 - d. [Procedures for homeschooling students with disabilities are set out in Oregon Administrative Rule \(OAR\) 581-021-0029;](#)
6. Children whose sixth birthday occurred on or before September 1 ~~of that immediately preceding the beginning of the current~~ school year, if the parent or guardian notified the child's resident district in writing that the parent or guardian is delaying the enrollment of their child for one school year to better meet the child's needs for cognitive, social or physical development, as determined by the parent or guardian.
7. Children who are present in the United States on a nonimmigrant visa and who are attending a private, accredited English language learner program in preparation for attending a private high school or college.
8. Children excluded from attendance as provided by law.
9. Children who are eligible military children¹ are exempt up to 10 days after the date of military transfer or pending transfer indicated in the official military order.
10. An exemption may be granted to the parent or guardian of any 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 ORS 336.615.
11. 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

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 153.018](#)

[ORS 163.577](#)

[ORS 339.010 to -339.095](#)

[ORS 339.139](#)

[ORS 339.990](#)

~~[ORS 807.065](#)~~

~~[ORS 807.066](#)~~

[OAR 581-021-0026](#)

[OAR 581-021-0029](#)

[OAR 581-021-0076](#)

[OAR 581-021-0077](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IGBHC - Alternative Education Notification

¹ "Military child" means a child who is in a military family covered by the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, as determined under rules adopted by the State Board of Education.