

Compulsory Attendance**

Except when exempt by Oregon law, all students between ages 6 and 18 who have not completed the 12th grade are required to regularly attend a public, full-time school during the entire school term.

All students five years of age 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 between the ages 6 and 18 who has not completed the 12th grade, are required to have the student attend and maintain the child in regular attendance during the entire school term. Persons having legal control of a student, 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.

Attendance supervisors 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 may develop procedures for issuing a citation.

A parent who is not supervising his/her **their** student 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.

~~In addition, under Board policy JHFDA – Suspension of Driving Privileges, the district may report students with 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences or 15 cumulative days unexcused absences in a single semester to the Oregon Department of Transportation.~~

Exemptions from Compulsory School Attendance

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

1. Students being taught in a private or parochial school in courses of study usually taught in grades kindergarten through grade 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 in the courses of study taught in kindergarten through grade 12 in the public schools.
3. Students who have received a high school diploma or a modified diploma.

4. Students 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 students attending public schools.
5. Students being educated in the home by a parent or guardian.
6. Children whose sixth birthday occurred on or before September 1 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. Students excluded from attendance as provided by law.
9. **Students 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 student 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 336.615](#) to -336.665
[ORS 339.010](#) to -339.090
[ORS 339.095](#)

[ORS 339.257](#)
[ORS 339.990](#)
[ORS 419B.550](#) to -419B.558
[ORS 807.065](#)
[ORS 807.066](#)

[OAR 581-021-0026](#)
[OAR 581-021-0029](#)
[OAR 581-021-0071](#)
[OAR 581-021-0077](#)

Senate Bill 802 (2019)

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.**