

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

All children 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 child, who is five years of age and has enrolled the child in a public school, are required to have the child attend and maintain the child in regular attendance during the school term.

Administrators shall monitor any violation of the compulsory attendance law. 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 are 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 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 or private teacher.
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. Children excluded from attendance as provided by law.
9. Children who are eligible military children 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 338.115\(2\)](#)
[ORS 339.010 - 339.095](#)
[ORS 339.139](#)
[ORS 339.990](#)
[ORS 807.065](#)
[ORS 807.066](#)

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