

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

Except when exempt by Oregon law, all students ages 7- 18 who have not completed the 12th grade are required to attend regularly, a school full-time during the entire school term.

All students five or six years of age who have been enrolled in a public school are required to attend regularly.

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 has enrolled the child in a public school, are required to have the student attend and 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. Failure to send a student and to 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 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, 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 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 the public school for a period equivalent to that required of students attending public schools;
4. Students excluded from attendance as provided by law;

5. An exemption may be granted to the parent 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.

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 339.095](#)

[ORS 339.990](#)  
[ORS 807.065](#)  
[ORS 807.066](#)  
  
[OAR 581-021-0026](#)

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