

Truancy/Compulsory School Attendance

Except as provided in Oregon Revised Statutes, all children between the ages of 7 and 18 years who have not completed the 12th grade are required to attend regularly a full-time public school of the school district in which the child resides.

Except as provided by Oregon law, every person having control of any child between the ages of 7 and 18 years who has not completed the 12th grade is required to send such child to and maintain such child in regular attendance at a public full-time school during the entire school term.

Children shall not be required to attend public schools if exempted by Oregon law in the following cases:

1. Taught in a private or parochial school;
2. Proven equivalent knowledge of studies taught in grades 1-12 in public school;
3. Taught by a private teacher;
4. Approved home-school exemption;
5. A child 16 or 17 years of age who is lawfully employed full-time, part-time and enrolled in school, or enrolled in a community college or other alternative education program.

Violation of the compulsory attendance law is a Class C violation and is punishable by a citation up to \$150 and may be imposed at the discretion of the superintendent.

A parent who is not supervising his/her student by requiring school attendance may also be in violation of ORS 163.577 (1)(c). Failing to supervise a child is a Class A violation and punishable by a fine up to \$600. In addition, under policy JHFDA - Suspension of Student's Driving Privileges, the district may report students with 10 consecutive days unexcused absence or 15 cumulative days unexcused absence in a single semester to the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The superintendent or designee will develop administrative regulations to implement procedures to maintain children in school with regular attendance and the intent of this policy.

END OF POLICY

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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](#)

[ORS 809.410 \(40\)](#)

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