

Sisters School District 6

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Compulsory Attendance **

Except when exempt by Oregon law, all student's ages 6-18 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.

Person having legal control of a student ages 6-18, 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 public school, are required to have the student attend and maintain the child in regular attendance during the school term.

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.

The district will develop procedures for issuing a citation.

A parent who is not supervising 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.

Exemptions from Compulsory School Attendance

In the following cases, students shall be required to attend public schools full-time:

1. Students being taught in a private or parochial school in course of student 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 Kindergarten-12 in the public schools;
3. Students who have received a high school diploma or modified diploma.
4. Students being taught by a private teacher the courses of study usually taught in grades Kindergarten-12 in the public school for a period equivalent to that required of students attending public schools.
5. Students being educated in the by a parent:
 - a. When a student is taught or is withdrawn from a public school to be taught by a parent or a private teacher, the parent or teacher must notify the High Desert Education Service District (ESD) in writing of such occurrence. In addition, when a home-schooled student moves to a new ESD, the parent shall notify the new ESD in writing, within 10 days, of the intent to

continue home schooling. The High Desert ESD superintendent shall acknowledge receipt of any notification in writing within 90 days of receipt of the notification. The High Desert ESD is to notify, at least annually, school districts of home-schooled students who reside in their district;

- b. Each student being taught by a parent or private teacher shall be examined no later than August 15, following grades 3, 5, 8 and 10.
 - (1) If the student was withdrawn from public school, the first examination shall be administered at least 18 months after the date the student withdrew;
 - (2) If the student never attended public or private school, the first examination shall be administered prior to the end of grade 3;
 - (3) Procedures for home-schooled students with disabilities are set out in OAR 581-021-0029.
- c. Examinations testing each student shall be from the list of approved examinations from the State Board of Education.
- d. The examination must be administered by a neutral individual qualified to administer tests on the approved list provided by the Oregon Department of Education.
- e. The person administering the examination shall score the examination and report the results to the parent. Upon request of the High Desert ESD superintendent, the parent shall submit the results of the examination to the High Desert ESD;
- f. All costs for the test instrument, administration and scoring are the responsibility of the parent;
- g. In the event the High Desert ESD superintendent finds the student is not showing satisfactory educational progress, the High Desert ESD superintendent shall provide the parent with a written statement of the reasons for the finding, based on the test results and shall follow the guidelines in Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules.
- 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 military transfer or pending transfer indicated in the official military order.
- 10. An exemption may be granted to the parent of any student 16 or 17 years of age who is lawfully employed full-time, lawfully employed part-time and enrolled in school, a community college or 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 an emancipation under ORS 419B.550 to 419B.558.

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.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 153](#).018
[ORS 163](#).577
[ORS 336](#).615 - 336.665
[ORS 339](#).010 - 339.090
[ORS 339](#).095
[ORS 339](#).257
[ORS 339](#).990
[ORS 419B](#).550 – 419B.558
[ORS 807](#).065
[ORS 807](#).066

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