

## 4.10.010-P Compulsory Enrollment And Attendance

- (1) All children, unless exempted, who are between the ages of 7 and 18 years and have not completed the 12th grade are required to regularly attend a public school full time. (ORS 339.010)
- (2) 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 and maintain the child in regular full-time attendance in a public school. (ORS 339.020)
- (3) Children exempted from regular attendance in public schools are children who:
  - (a) Regularly attend a private or parochial school;
  - (b) Demonstrate that they have knowledge equivalent to a completed 12-year course of study;
  - (c) Are in home instruction;
  - (d) Are excluded from attendance as provided by law;
  - (e) Are 16 or 17 years of age and exempted because they are:
    - (A) Employed full time;
    - (B) Employed part time and in school part time;
    - (C) Enrolled in a community college or other state-registered alternative education program; or
    - (D) Are married or have applied for legal emancipation.

(ORS 339.030; OAR 581-021-0076)
- (4) When considering a request for exemption from compulsory attendance, the principal shall conduct an interview that shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - (a) Attendance by the child and the parent or legal guardian or the emancipated minor;
  - (b) Attendance by a school counselor or school administrator;
  - (c) Consideration of the reasons for the request;
  - (d) Review of the following information about the child or emancipated minor:
    - (A) Credits for graduation;
    - (B) Grades;

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- (C) Programs towards meeting state Certificate of Initial Mastery and Certificate of Advanced Mastery requirements and state and local district standard levels of performance;
  - (D) Current disability status, if applicable;
  - (E) Prior disability status, if applicable;
  - (F) Results of district and state assessments, including progress towards meeting statewide benchmarks;
  - (G) Teacher evaluation;
  - (H) Counselor appraisal;
    - (I) Immediate plans;
    - (J) Other relevant information.
- (5) If the principal recommends that exemption from compulsory attendance should be granted, the record and his/her recommendation shall be forwarded to the administrator in charge of alternative education. The administrator shall review the recommendation and forward his/her recommendation for the superintendents or designee's approval. If the exemption is granted, the principal shall give the child and the parent or legal guardian the following in writing:
- (a) A description of any alternative programs of instruction or instruction combined with counseling which are appropriate and accessible to the student as provided in ORS 339.250(10) and (11);
  - (b) Notice that: (1) the exemption is granted for a limited time; (2) the exemption must be renewed on a semiannual basis; and (3) the exemption will be reviewed by the district on a certain date;
  - (c) Notice that the parent/student must reapply for an exemption by a specific date or the student must return to school until he/she attains a high school diploma, GED or the age of 18.

Legal References: ORS 339.010; ORS 339.020; ORS 339.030; ORS 339.250; OAR 581-021-0076

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