

## Frequently asked questions regarding attendance

**Salem/ Keizer school district follows all state and federal laws.**

**Q. Can my student just drop out of school when they turn 16?**

**A. Yes** your student can leave high school but only if they have been enrolled with a confirmed start date in an alternative school program or G.E.D program.

Oregon is a compulsory attendance state for all students between the ages of 6 -18.

<https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/339.010>

<https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/339.020>

**Q. Can I homeschool my student?**

**A. Yes** you can. You first must contact Willamette ESD to find out how to do this properly so you are not cited under Oregon mandatory attendance laws.

<https://www.wesd.org/homeschool>

**Q. Can I take my student out of school and enroll them into an alternative program?**

**A. Yes** You can have your student attend an alternative program. There is a un-enrollment procedure that should be followed.

Contact the registrar and arrange a time to come in to fill out the paperwork and return any books. Please make sure that your student has a confirmed start date at their new program prior to un-enrolling them out of school.

If students drop out of school prior to having a start date, you may be cited by the school district for non-attendance under Oregon mandatory attendance law.