

CHAPTER 697
Truancy

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697.01 PURPOSE

To protect the health, safety and welfare of Jackson County children 12 to 18 years of age by supporting the regular attendance of said children at a public full-time school.

697.02 SCOPE

This Chapter does not limit or supersede any provision of ORS 339.010, *et seq.*, which exempts certain children from compulsory school attendance, nor does this ordinance limit the duties, powers or responsibilities of public school officials.

697.03 POWERS AND AUTHORITY

(a) Any truancy enforcement specialist officially designated by any school district and/or education service district within Jackson County may issue a citation to any child 12 to 18 years of age for failing to regularly attend public school as required by Oregon law. The citation shall direct the child to appear in Circuit Court at a designated time and date.

(b) No citation shall be issued under Chapter 697 until all the procedural notices required under ORS 339.055, ORS 339.065, ORS 339.080 and ORS 339.090 have been sent to the child's parents and school district superintendent.

697.04 DEFINITION

(a) Compulsory Attendance Violation - means that a child has eight (8) unexcused one-half (1/2) day absences in any four (4) week period during which the school is in session. ORS 339.065(1).

697.05 SANCTIONS

(a) The Circuit Court shall have the authority to determine whether the child has violated this Chapter relating to compulsory attendance. The Court may order the child to attend school following a review by the Court.

(b) In the event the child fails to follow the Court order to attend school, the child may be cited back to Court. The Court may use all necessary lawful action, including the Court's contempt authority, to compel the child's attendance.

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