



Oregon Department of Justice

## Oregon Child Support Program

*Supporting Parents to Support Children*

**Division of Child Support**

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### **General Information – Child Attending School**

ORS 107.108; OAR 137-055-5110

#### **Can child support continue after a child turns 18?**

Yes, most Oregon child support orders include support for children who continue their education after turning 18. If another state issued your original child support order, the laws of that state and the provisions of the order will determine whether you continue to receive support after turning 18. If you have questions about the terms in your order, contact us.

#### **What must be done for child support to continue for an Oregon order?**

If you have an Oregon child support order with school provisions, and you plan to continue attending school, you must complete and submit the necessary forms. These forms can be accessed through your online account. If you do not have an online account, create one at [OregonChildSupport.gov/OnlineAccount](https://OregonChildSupport.gov/OnlineAccount).

To qualify as a child attending school, you must:

- be enrolled in school at least half time, as defined by the school;
- make satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the school;
- notify us and the paying parent of your intent to attend school;
- consent to the release of information by the school to the paying parent regarding your enrollment status, academic progress, class schedule, and grades; **and**
- tell us and the paying parent in advance of changing schools.

**Note: If the Oregon Child Support Program has entered an order for non-disclosure for you or the parent who receives support, you only need to send the required documents to us.**

#### **Does child support continue during regularly scheduled breaks from school?**

Child support can continue during regularly scheduled breaks if it wasn't suspended prior to the break and you intend to return to school the next term or semester.

#### **When does child support stop for an Oregon order?**

Child support ends when you:

- reach the age of 18, or up to 21 if you qualify as a child attending school;
- marry or enter active military duty;
- are otherwise emancipated (usually through a court finding);
- fail to respond to an objection from a paying parent;
- fail to provide required information (such as written notice of intent to attend or continue to attend school, or school authorization to disclose information);
- provide written notice that you no longer qualify as a child attending school; **or**
- reach the date you told us you planned to graduate or stop attending school, and fail to provide written notice that you will continue to attend school.

**What if I'm not enrolled at least half time or I stop making satisfactory academic progress?**

You should notify the Child Attending School Team and paying parent right away so your child support can be suspended.

If you do not notify the Child Attending School Team, the paying parent can file a written objection. You will have 30 days to prove qualification as described above. If you do not respond, or do not qualify, we will suspend your child support.

**What if I think I might have a safety risk?**

To learn about how you can address safety risks in the child support process, visit our website at [OregonChildSupport.gov/Safety](http://OregonChildSupport.gov/Safety).

**What if an Order for Nondisclosure has been granted?**

If an order for nondisclosure for you or the parent who receives support has been entered, you are only required to send school documents to the Oregon Child Support Program. Once we receive the school documents, we will redact any identifying information and send a copy of the redacted forms to the parent who pays support.

Identifying information includes, but is not limited to:

- School name, address, and phone number
- Name of registrar or school official
- Home, mailing, or contact address and phone number
- Social Security number and driver license number (if provided)

If the parent who pays support does not believe you meet the requirements listed in ORS 107.108 or would like to check on your school status, they may submit a request for suspension of support. The *Request for Suspension of Support* form is available at [OregonChildSupport.gov/Forms](http://OregonChildSupport.gov/Forms).

**My child support was suspended. How can I start receiving it again?**

Access your online account to complete and submit the necessary forms. If you do not have an online account, create one at [OregonChildSupport.gov/OnlineAccount](http://OregonChildSupport.gov/OnlineAccount).

**How can I get more information?**

For more information, visit [OregonChildSupport.gov/School](http://OregonChildSupport.gov/School) or contact us.

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| English    | Need another language? Contact us.                                  |
| French     | Avez-vous besoin d'une autre langue? Communiquez avec nous.         |
| German     | Sie benötigen eine andere Sprache? Kontaktieren Sie uns.            |
| Russian    | Предпочитаете другой язык? Свяжитесь с нами.                        |
| Somali     | Ma u baahan tahay luqad kale? Na la soo xiriir.                     |
| Spanish    | ¿Necesita otro idioma? Contáctenos.                                 |
| Vietnamese | Quý vị có cần dùng ngôn ngữ khác không? Hãy liên lạc với chúng tôi. |

The Oregon Child Support Program provides services for the State of Oregon. We cannot represent you or give you legal advice. You may contact your own lawyer at any time. Low-cost legal services may be available. For information, you may visit our website at [OregonChildSupport.gov](http://OregonChildSupport.gov).