

**STUDENTS OF LEGAL AGE**

Every student 18 years of age or older shall be deemed an adult and shall have the same rights and responsibilities as an adult. Adult students, like all other students, shall comply with Board policy, established rules, pursue the prescribed course of study and submit to the authority of teachers and administration.

A student under 18 years of age may request adult status through proof of emancipation from parent. This request must be submitted in writing to the superintendent, or designee and substantiate the student is:

1. Released from parent control;
2. Self-supporting;
3. Solely responsible for his/her food, shelter and clothing.

Unless specifically requested, the student’s school shall continue to communicate in a timely fashion with an adult/emancipated student’s parent/guardian.

At age 18, a Special Programs student will have their Special Education rights transferred to them. Parents/guardians will continue to receive information about meetings and other written notices. Parents/guardians may attend the meetings if the 18 year old student or the school district invites them.

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Legal References:

- ORS 109.510
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- ORS 419B.550
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