

# MALHEUR EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT REGION 14

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TO: Parents/Guardians of Home School Students

FROM: Mark Redmond  
Malheur Education Service District Region 14

## **Notification of your intent to homeschool your child(ren). (ORS 339.035)**

Your local ESD must be notified in writing of your intent to homeschool:

- ▶ If your child is 6 years or older by September 1 of current school year.
- ▶ At the time you are withdrawing your child from public/private school.
- ▶ If your child has never been in public school and is 6 years or older.
- ▶ If you move to another county.

Send notification form or letter to:

Malheur ESD Region 14  
Attn: Jodi Westerberg  
363 "A" Street West  
Vale, OR 97918

For your convenience an optional yellow form has been provided, or you may write a letter that includes the following: child's name, birth date, parent/guardian name, and last school attended or resident school district.

Except in specific situations, children involved in homeschooling need to be tested at grades 3, 5, 8, and 10 no later than August 15th. (OAR 584-021-0026 (5). *Upon receipt of your child's test score, please submit a copy to Malheur ESD Region 14. {OAR 581-021-0026 (6)}* If your student is on an IEP he/she may be exempt from testing (OAR 581-15-0051). We encourage you to have your child tested annually and we will be happy to keep those test scores as part of the student's permanent record.

For new home school students, the first examination must be taken 18 months after the date on which he/she is withdrawn from school. If the child never attended school, the first examination must be taken prior to the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. [OAR 581-021-0026 (5) (B)].

A state approved test must be administered by a qualified certified neutral test administrator. [OAR 581-021-0026 (1) (i)]. A partial list of qualified certified testers are listed below.

## **MALHEUR COUNTY**

Nancy Allen  
291 Grove Rd.  
Ontario, OR 97914  
541-709-1351

[Jane Forwood](#)  
2090 Newman Ln.  
Payette, ID 83661  
(cell) 208.337-2127 (home) 208.455.6841

- *Acceptable tests include the two most recent versions of the:*

TerraNova  
CTB/McGraw-Hill Order Services Center  
20 Ryan Ranch Rd.  
Monterey, CA 78270  
(800) 211-8378  
[www.mhteacher.com](http://www.mhteacher.com)

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills  
The Riverside Publishing Co.  
Customer Service  
425 Spring Lake Dr.  
Itasca, IL: 60143  
(800) 323-9540  
[www.riverpub.com](http://www.riverpub.com)

Metropolitan Achievement Battery  
Psychological Corp.  
P. O. Box 839954  
San Antonio TX 78283-3954  
(800)228-0752

Stanford Achievement Test Battery  
Psychological Corp.  
P O Box 708912  
San Antonio, TX 78270  
(800) 228-0752

Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills  
CTB/McGraw-Hill Order Services Center  
20 Ryan Ranch Rd.  
Monterey, CA 78270  
(800) 211-8378  
[www.mhteacher.com](http://www.mhteacher.com)

***Note: Oregon Statewide Assessment Tests are no longer on the test list.***

1. To determine the grade of the student we will use the following table:

**Age as of September 1**

9 years old	grade 3
11 years old	grade 5
14 years old	grade 8
16 years old	grade 10

2. For children with disabilities, determination of satisfactory educational progress is determined according to recommendations of the individual education plan.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

3. Curricula: Parents/guardians are responsible for acquisition and costs for materials/curricula. State of Oregon Content Standards are posted at the Oregon Department of Education web site [www.ode.state.or.us](http://www.ode.state.or.us).
4. Interscholastic Activities: Home-schooled students are eligible to participate in interscholastic activities representing the public school attendance area in which the home-schooled student resides. This eligibility is contingent upon the student receiving a test score at or above the twenty-third percentile (23%) on an examination from the list adopted by the State Board of Education. The examination shall be taken at the end of each school year and shall be used to determine eligibility for the following year. The test results must be submitted to your resident school district, not to the ESD, by no later than August 15th of the new school year in order for the student to be eligible. A school district may adopt alternative requirements, in consultation with the parent. Please contact your resident school district if you have questions regarding interscholastic activities. (See enclosed flyer).
5. Laws Related to Home Schooling: (See enclosed booklet).

6. Immunization: It is recommended that you have your child properly immunized. See enclosed flier.
7. County Spelling Contest: Should you be interested in being involved in the Spelling Contest for the State of Oregon (jointly sponsored by the State Department of Education and the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts), you need to contact your home district by March 31 of each year.
8. “Grade” Verification for Car Insurance Premium Reduction: If you need verification of your child’s academic performance for your personally-owned car insurance premium reduction “good student discount” (when your child is being added as an insured driver on your coverage), Malheur ESD may be able to assist you. If you find you need verification of the fact that your child is a “good student”, you may wish to give us a call. If your child has met this requirement, and if Malheur ESD has on file the current test results to verify this information, we can provide you with a statement which you can submit to your insurance agent. We, in no way, are saying that the insurance agency must accept this information as verification; we are only stating that they may accept the information. Our statement would read: “[Name of student] has scored at or above the 80%ile on the [name of nationally normed test]. One could consider this as equivalent to performing at the “B” or above level in comparison to other students taking the test.”
9. Home School Diploma: It is the responsibility of parents to establish graduation requirements for homeschooled students. The ESD does not award a homeschool high school diploma. It is recommended that requirements be based on student plans after graduation, ex. community college, trade school, etc. Many colleges, universities, trade schools, and employers will make their homeschool eligibility requirements available upon request.

10. Support Group/Organizations:

National Home Education Network  
P.O. Box 7844  
Long Beach, CA 90853  
(413) 581-1463  
<http://www.ohen.org>

Greater Portland Homeschoolers  
P.O. Box 82265  
Portland, OR 97282  
(503) 241-5350  
[www.gphoneschoolers.org](http://www.gphoneschoolers.org)

Oregon Christian Home Education Assn.  
2515 NE 37<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Portland OR 97212  
(503) 288-1285  
[www.oceanetwork.org](http://www.oceanetwork.org)

LDS Oregon Home Educators Assn.  
4888 NW Bethany Blvd., St. K5#186  
Portland, OR 97229-9260  
Phone: 866-581-1463  
[www.LDS-OHEA.org](http://www.LDS-OHEA.org)

Oregon Home Education Network  
P.O. Box 218  
4470 SW Hall Blvd #286  
Beaverton OR 97005  
(503) 321-5166  
[www.ohen.org](http://www.ohen.org)

● School Districts:

Adrian School District #61 – (541) 372-3744  
Annex School District #29 – (541) 262-3280  
Arock School District #81 – (541) 586-2325  
Harper School District #66 – (541) 358-2473  
Huntington School District #16J – (541) 869-2204

Jordan Valley School District #3 – (541) 586-2213  
Juntura School District #12 – (541) 277-3261  
McDermitt School District #51 – (541) 586-2912  
Nyssa School District #26 – (541) 372-2275  
Ontario School District #8C – (541) 889-5374  
Vale School District #84 – (541) 473-3291



