

Agreement to Participate:

Permission for Students ages 18 and older to Participate in Oregon's Post-School Outcomes Exit Interview



Dear Student

A year after you leave high school, someone you know from the school district would like to call you, or your family, to learn what you have been doing since leaving high school. They will ask about your work and school experiences in a Follow-Up Interview. This data collection is done by all states and is known as the Post-School Outcomes collection, or PSO. To be able to contact you, we would like to conduct an Exit Interview with you before you leave school. The purpose of this letter is to tell you about the PSO collection and request your permission to conduct an Exit Interview with you before you leave school.

The Exit Interview lets you, and if you like, your family, share (a) goals for the future, (b) any plans or hopes for additional schooling and employment, and (c) how the school prepared you for your future. Because you are at least 18 years old, we want your permission to conduct the Exit Interview with you.

A year after you leave school, you will be eligible to participate in the PSO collection if you (a) have been out of high school for one year; (b) are at least 16 years old; and (c) had an individualized education program (IEP) in place when you left school as part of your special education services. The Follow-Up Interview can be conducted with a family member who is familiar with your student's activities since leaving school. The Exit Interview also helps with the PSO Follow-Up Interview that occurs one year after you leave school.

- During the Exit Interview, you may be asked to provide names and contact information of people who will likely know how to reach you. This might be close family or friends.
- You may be asked to provide an address where a reminder postcard, with the above logo, can be sent prior to the Follow-Up Interview to help schedule a convenient time for the interview.

Typically, a person from the school who is familiar with you will call between June and September a year after you leave school. Information from the interview is submitted to the state in a confidential and secure system. The district is provided with a summary report that can be used to improve transition services offered by the district to future students. Therefore, it is important that students like you participate in these Interviews to share how the district has helped you prepare for adult life. Remember, the school district is required to attempt to complete the Follow-Up Interview with all former students one year after the student leaves school. To give your permission to do the Exit Interview with you, please check the appropriate box below, and return this form to your school.

- Yes, I want to participate in the Exit Interview
- No, I do not want to participate in the Exit Interview

Student's Signature

Date

Print Student's Name

Phone Number

Student's Email

Alternate Phone Number

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