

Agreement to Participate:

Parent/Guardian Permission for Students ages 17 and younger to Participate in Oregon's Post-School Outcomes Exit Interview



Dear Parent/Guardian

A year after your student leaves high school, someone from the school district would like to call them, or you, to learn what they have been doing since leaving high school. They will ask about your student's 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 your student, we would like to conduct an Exit Interview with them before they leave school. The purpose of this letter is to tell you about the PSO collection and request permission to conduct an Exit Interview with your student before they leave school.

The Exit Interview lets your student, and you, share (a) goals for the future, (b) any plans or hopes for additional schooling and employment, and (c) how the school prepared them for their future. If your student has not yet turned 18, your signed permission is required before the Exit Interview can be conducted.

Your student is eligible to participate in the PSO collection if they (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 they left school as part of their special education services. The Follow-Up Interview is conducted with the student and or a family member familiar with the student's activities since leaving school. The Exit Interview also helps with the PSO Follow-Up Interview that occurs one year after your student leaves school.

- During the Exit Interview, you or your student may be asked to provide names and contact information of people who will likely know how to reach the student. This might be close family or friends.
- The student 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 your student will call between June and September a year after they 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 former students participate in this opportunity to share how the district has helped them 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 permission for your student to participate in the Exit Interview, please check the appropriate box below, and return this form to your student's school.

- Yes, my student may take part in the Exit Interview
- No, my student may not participate in the Exit Interview

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Phone Number

Print Student's Name

Alternate Phone Number

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