

Cove School District 15

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Personnel Records

An official personnel file will be established for each person employed by the district. Personnel files will be maintained in the district office.

All records containing employee medical condition information, such as workers' compensation reports, and release/permission to return to work forms will be kept confidential and in a separate file from personnel records. Such records will be released only in accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act or other applicable law.

The superintendent will be responsible for establishing regulations regarding the control, use, safety and maintenance of all personnel records. Employees will be given a copy of evaluations, complaints and written disciplinary actions to be placed in their personnel file. Employees may submit a written response to any materials placed in their personnel file. All charges resulting in disciplinary action shall be considered a permanent part of the teacher's personnel file and shall not be removed for any reason.

Except as provided below and as otherwise may be required by law, personnel records of district employees will be available for use and inspection only by the following:

1. The individual employee or designee who has written authorization signed by the employee;
2. A member of the Board when specifically authorized by the Board. Information so obtained will be kept confidential. No files will be removed from the district office for inspection;
3. The superintendent and deputy clerk;
4. District supervisors;
5. Attorneys for the district on matters of district business;
6. The comptroller or auditor, when such inspection is pertinent to carrying out his/her respective duties, or as otherwise specifically authorized by the Board. Information so obtained will be kept confidential. No files will be removed from their central location for personal inspection;
7. The disciplinary records¹ of a district employee convicted of a crime listed in ORS 342.143 are not exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.501 or 192.502 and shall be released to any person upon request. Prior to the release of disciplinary records the district shall remove any personally identifiable information from the record that would disclose the identity of a child, a crime victim or a district employee who is not the subject of the disciplinary record;

¹Disciplinary records is defined as records related to a personnel discipline action or materials or documents supporting that action.

8. Upon request from a law enforcement agency, the Department of Human Services or the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission, a district shall provide the records of investigations of suspected child abuse by a district employee.

The superintendent may permit persons other than those specified above to use and inspect employee records when, in his/her opinion, the person requesting access has a legitimate official purpose. The superintendent will determine in each case the appropriateness and extent of such access. Any other release of personnel records requires a court order for said records.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 342.850](#)
[ORS 652.750](#)
[ORS 342.143](#)
[ORS 339.370 - 339-375](#)

OSEA v. Lake County Sch. District, 93 Or. App. 481 (1988).
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006).
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.