

Criminal Records Checks/Fingerprinting

In a continuing effort to further ensure the safety and welfare of students and staff, the district shall require criminal records checks and fingerprinting of all newly hired full-time and part-time employees. Others having direct, unsupervised contact with students shall also have criminal records checks and fingerprinting, as required by law.

“Direct, unsupervised contact” means contact with students that allows the person opportunity for personal communication or physical contact.

In addition to the newly hired employees, such checks shall be required of the following:

1. All district contractors and/or their employees, whether employed part-time or full-time;
2. All contractors and/or their employees who provide early childhood special education or early intervention services in accordance with rules established by the Employment Department;
3. Any community college faculty member providing instruction of any kind at a district site;
4. An individual who is an employee of a public charter school.

An individual who has failed to disclose the presence of criminal convictions that would not otherwise prevent his/her employment with the district as provided by law may not be employed or contracted with by the district. The district’s use of criminal history must be relevant to the specific requirements of the position, services or employment.

The district shall not begin the employment of an individual or term of a district contractor before the return and disposition of criminal records checks and/or fingerprinting. The service of a volunteer will not begin before the return and disposition of a criminal records check.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations as necessary to meet the requirements of law.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 181.555](#)

[ORS 326.603](#)

[ORS 326.607](#)

[ORS 336.631](#)

[ORS 342.143](#)

[ORS 342.223](#)

[OAR 414-061-0010](#)

[OAR 581-021-0500](#)

[OAR 581-022-1730](#)

[OAR 584-036-0062](#)

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et. seq. (2012).

Cross Reference(s):

EEACA - School Bus Driver Examination and Training

ICC - Volunteers