

Copyrights and Patents

The Board asserts the District's proprietary rights to publications, instructional materials, and devices prepared by District employees during their paid work time. However, the Board also recognizes the importance of encouraging its professional staff to engage in professional writing, research, and other creative endeavors. Publications, articles, materials, models, and other items produced for district use with district time, money and facilities by school personnel as part of their District responsibilities shall remain the property of the District.

The District shall apply for copyrights and patents when deemed appropriate by the Superintendent. Employees will be expected to cooperate in the district's efforts.

In the event an employee produces items described above partly on his/her own time and partly on district time, the district reserves the right to claim full ownership. However, the employee may petition the district for assignment of copyright or patent rights. Employees shall not attempt to copyright or patent any item described without the knowledge and consent of the Superintendent.

Employees who intend to make application to patent or copyright any item shall furnish to the Superintendent full, complete and prompt information and disclosure with respect to any such item.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.745](#)

Copyrights, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101- 1332; 19 C.F.R. Part 133 (2006).
Patents, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1-376 (2006).

Cross Reference(s):

EGAAA - Reproduction of All Copyrighted Materials