

## Copyrights and Patents

The Board 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 by district personnel for district use with district time, money and facilities as part of an employee's job responsibilities remain the property of the district.

The district may 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 that 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. The Board may reassign such property to the person from whom it was acquired. The employee may petition the district for assignment of copyright or patent rights. Employees will not attempt to copyright or patent such items without the knowledge and consent of the superintendent.

END OF POLICY

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### 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 - Use of Copyrighted Materials