

**West Linn-Wilsonville  
School District 3J**

Code: **GCQBA**  
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## **Copyrights and Patents**

The Board asserts the district's proprietary rights to publications, instructional materials and other devices prepared by district employees during their paid work time. 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 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 will 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 employee, however, 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.

Royalties may not be paid on textbooks used which have been written on district time by licensed staff of the district. In all cases where textbooks, written by faculty members, have been adopted by the district, royalties earned shall be donated to the John Paul Brown Scholarship Fund in the name of the author(s).

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):**

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