

## Public Relations

### Objectives

The purpose of the district's community relations program shall be to establish and maintain in the public mind confidence that the educational system is providing the best possible education for the children of the regional service area.

The Board will utilize all appropriate, practical means and media to achieve the following objectives:

1. To inform the public of the role of the education service district in the educational community;
2. To inform regional service area educators of the facilities and services of the education service district which may be of value to them in the performance of their duties;
3. To make every effort to foresee and avoid problems caused by misunderstanding or lack of information;
4. To provide optimum staff performance by keeping all staff members fully informed;
5. To operate, insofar as practical, in public session, as speedily and efficiently as circumstance permits, and with public participation.

### Activities

To further communication between the public and the district, the Board and staff will:

1. Make policies and budgets available to the public;
2. Provide information regarding the procedures by which members of the public can have topics placed on the Board agenda;
3. Refer persons seeking answers to questions or registering complaints to the superintendent or other appropriate party.

### Information Requests

The Board authorizes the superintendent or his/her designee to cooperate with outside agencies and individuals requesting information from or about the education service district and the programs and services thereof. When actual documents are requested to leave the office, a fee for duplication may be charged.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125](#) (7)