

Interactions with Immigration Enforcement

The Superintendent is designated as the “immigration liaison.”

1. Staff, contractors and volunteers shall adhere to all district policies when interacting with federal immigration authorities and the following administrative regulations:
 - a. Unless expressly authorized by the superintendent or designee, or by the immigration liaison on behalf of the superintendent or designee, staff shall not:
 - (1) Provide federal immigration authorities with records or information about students, staff, or volunteers;
 - (2) Confirm whether a student, staff member, or volunteer is present or make the student, staff member, or volunteer available;
 - (3) Allow access to non-public areas of the district’s facilities or property;
 - (4) Sign documents presented by federal immigration authorities; or
 - (5) Give consent to any immigration enforcement action.
 - b. Staff may not interfere with lawful immigration enforcement actions or physically obstruct federal immigration authorities in any manner.
 - c. Staff who receive a request related to immigration enforcement must immediately notify the immigration liaison. The immigration liaison is responsible for interacting with the federal immigration authorities until the matter is concluded or the federal immigration authorities have been referred to the superintendent or designee.
 - d. The immigration liaison or alternate immigration liaison should meet the federal immigration authorities at the school door or other area designated by the superintendent or designee for this purpose.
 - e. The immigration liaison shall provide federal immigration authorities with a copy of this policy and explain that school staff are required to follow these steps in this policy. The immigration liaison should inform the immigration authorities that school staff must contact the office of the superintendent or designee for guidance before providing access to school facilities, records, or other information.
 - f. The immigration liaison must document the request from federal immigration authorities to the fullest extent possible under the circumstances. At a minimum, the documentation shall include the following information, if available:
 - (1) The name, badge number, and agency of the law enforcement officer making the request;
 - (2) The number of officers present;
 - (3) Time, date, and location of the request;

- (4) The nature of the request;
- (5) The source of authority for the request, including whether the request is administratively or judicially authorized;
- (6) Whether the request requires an immediate response;
- (7) The identification of witnesses present; and
- (8) How the encounter concluded.

2. Determination of Validity of Judicial Warrant, Subpoena or Order

- a. If presented with a warrant, subpoena or order by federal immigration authorities, the immigration liaison shall verify the validity of the warrant, subpoena or order by determining whether the warrant, subpoena or order is judicially authorized. An administrative warrant, subpoena, order or other legal process that has not been authorized by a judicial officer does not authorize the district to provide law enforcement with access to records or information, or facilities for purposes of immigration enforcement.

A judicially authorized warrant, subpoena or order contains the following key features:

- (1) A caption, near the top of the document, identifying the court that issued the order (typically the federal district court for the District of Oregon);
- (2) A signature block, near the end of the document, including the name of the person who signed the order, and identifying that individual as a judge, magistrate, clerk of court, or other person signing on behalf of a judge or magistrate, and the date of the signature; and
- (3) An indication that the warrant, subpoena or order has not expired.

Examples of warrants and subpoenas are available in the Attorney General's model policies¹.

- b. The superintendent or designee shall make the final determination regarding the validity of any warrant, subpoena or order and whether, and to what extent, federal immigration will have access to district records or information, or facilities. If the superintendent or designee is uncertain as to the validity or scope of the warrant, subpoena or order, the superintendent or designee should immediately consult legal counsel or a statewide or regional education organization.

3. Approval of Response by Superintendent

- a. The superintendent or designee will only honor requests from immigration enforcement officers or other agencies enforcing federal immigration laws if the request is judicially authorized. If the superintendent or designee is uncertain as to the lawfulness or scope of the request, the superintendent or designee should immediately consult legal counsel or a statewide or regional education organization prior to approving a response.

¹ <https://www.doj.state.or.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Attorney-Generals-Model-Public-School-Policies-in-Compliance-with-SB-1538.pdf>

- b. If the superintendent or designee determines that a response is not authorized by a judicial subpoena issued as part of a court proceeding or by another compulsory court-issued legal process, such as a warrant, the superintendent or designee shall decline the request.

The immigration liaison shall ensure that the information documented pursuant to this administrative regulation is submitted to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission as provided in ORS 181A.826.

- c. If the request is accompanied by a subpoena, warrant or order that appears on its face to be judicially authorized, the superintendent or designee must review and approve the immigration liaison of district's response to the request.

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's response provides no greater access to records or information, or facilities, than that required by the subpoena, warrant or order.

- d. If the request involves a warrant that appears to be valid and authorizes the arrest of a particular person, the superintendent shall to request that the arrest be conducted in a manner that is the least disruptive to the school environment and to the person's wellbeing, which may include bringing the arrestee to the federal immigration authorities.