

Student and Staff Inventions and Patents

Faculty/Staff Rules

1. For an invention made by faculty or staff, on their own time, with their own facilities and resources, and not within the stated objectives of their current employment with the district, the invention is owned by the inventor(s). The responsibility and fees associated with any patent application shall be that of the inventor(s).
2. For an invention made by faculty or staff while working within the scope of their employment or on a district sponsored project (research or educational), the invention is owned by the district, subject to any other agreements. The responsibility and fees associated with any patent application shall be that of the district.
3. For an invention made by faculty or staff without significant use of district resources, the invention is owned by the inventor(s). For purposes of this policy “significant use” shall mean – use of any district facility in a way that leads to an appreciable expenditure of district funds that would not otherwise have occurred. The responsibility and fees associated with any patent application shall be that of the inventor(s).
4. For an invention made by faculty or staff with significant use of district resources, the invention is owned by the district, subject to any other agreements. For purposes of this policy “significant use” shall mean – use of any district facility in a way that leads to an appreciable expenditure of district funds that would not otherwise have occurred. The responsibility and fees associated with any patent application shall be that of the district.

Student Rules

1. For an invention made by students, on their own time, with their own facilities and resources, an in research/projects not within the stated objectives or syllabus of a current academic class or course, the invention is owned by the inventor(s). The responsibility and fees associated with any patent application shall be that of the inventor(s).
2. For an invention made by a student as part of an academic class or course, including any project or report, coursework, directed research, or examination, the invention is owned by the district, subject to any other agreements. The responsibility and fees associated with any patent application shall be that of the district.

3. For an invention made by students for a district-approved student competition or extra-curricular activity, using no greater district resources than those generally available to all other students within the competition or participating in the activity or than those available to the student as part of his/her enrollment with the district, the invention is owned by the inventor(s). The responsibility and fees associated with any patent application shall be that of the inventor(s).
4. For an invention made by students for a competition or extra-curricular activity, using greater district resources than those generally available to all other students participating in the competition or activity or than those available to the student as part of his/her enrollment with the district, the invention is owned by the district, subject to any other agreements. The responsibility and fees associated with any patent application shall be that of the district.

This policy shall apply to all inventions conceived or first reduced to practice on or after May 1, 2015.

Adopted: June 8, 2015