

**BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT #52  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT**

Subject: Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) a.k.a. Drone

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**POLICY**

Any employee, volunteer, student, or representative of the district operating an unmanned aircraft system on district property or at district-sponsored events, shall do so in accordance with this policy and all applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) regulations.

An “unmanned aircraft system” (UAS), commonly known as a drone, means a remotely piloted flying machine and its associated elements, including communication links and the components that control the machine.

The district recognizes the academic value of student operation of a UAS as one component of curricula pertaining to principles of flight, aerodynamics, aircraft design and construction, video production, and other aspects of education. Therefore, in compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration Modernization and Reform Act of 2018 and the most current information available from the FAA, students may operate a UAS as part of a course requirement as long as they do not receive compensation directly or incidentally from such operations. Students may be required to pass an FAA Aeronautical Knowledge Test before flying. District staff teaching a class that allows use of a UAS may first be required to earn an FAA Remote Pilot Certificate.

District employees shall work with administrators to ensure that proper insurance, registration with both FAA and ODA, reporting to ODA, and authorization are in place prior to adoption of curriculum that allows operation of a UAS.

A UAS shall be operated in accordance with the policies of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA)<sup>1</sup> at OSAA sanctioned events.

A student in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

A staff member in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the implementation of this policy.

**Third Party Use**

Third party use of a UAS on district property or at district-sponsored events for any purpose is prohibited, unless granted permission from the superintendent or designee.

If permission is granted by the superintendent or designee, the third party operating a UAS will comply with all FAA and ODA regulations and shall provide the following to the district:

1. Proof of insurance that meets the liability limits established by the district;

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.osaa.org/governance/handbooks/osaa #87>

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2. Appropriate registration and authorization issued by the FAA and ODA when required; and
3. A signed agreement holding the district harmless from any claims of harm to individuals or damage to property.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 164.885](#)

[ORS 174.109](#)

[ORS 192.345](#)

[ORS 837.300 - 837.390](#)

[ORS 837.995](#)

[OAR 738-080-0015 - 0045](#)

Federal Aviation Administration Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, P.L. 112-95 § 336 (2012).

Federal Aviation Administration, Educational Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Memorandum, May 4, 2016.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2012).

OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION HANDBOOK #87.