

Professional Research and Publishing

The Board recognizes the value of educational research conducted by staff members. However, all research studies carried out within the school system using district or school data of any kind or staff or students as subjects must be approved in advance by the superintendent or designee. Only those studies which have value to the school district shall be approved.

The superintendent or designee shall keep a file on topics needing study that shall be shared with staff members at their request.

When human subjects are involved in research, there shall be adequate protection of their rights and welfare. The individual shall be subjected to no serious risk. Parents of students who are subjects of research or adults if they are the subjects shall be provided an explanation of procedures and their purposes, a description of any possible risks and any benefits to be reasonably expected, an offer to respond to inquiries on procedures, and instruction on the right to refuse to participate or to discontinue participation at any time without prejudice.

Federally-funded research or experimentation programs or projects

No student, as part of any applicable federal program, shall be required without prior written consent to submit to a survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

1. Political affiliations.
2. Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or the student's family.
3. Sex behavior and attitudes.
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior.
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships.
6. Legally-recognized privileged and analogous relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers.
7. Income other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.

Participation in such research or experimentation programs shall require the prior written consent of the parent/guardian or emancipated minor.

All instructional and supplementary materials used in connection with any research or experimentation program or project shall be available for review by the parents/guardians of students involved in the project.

LEGAL REFS: 20 U.S.C. §1232h

CROSS REFS.: [JLDAC](#), Screening/Testing of Students

[LC](#), Relations with Education Research Agencies