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Persons or groups wishing to use district staff, students or property in connection with an academic research project shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a written proposal which includes:

1. Name of researcher(s) and academic credentials
2. Purpose and scope of the project
3. Method of study or investigation to be used
4. Extent of participation expected of students and staff
5. Use to which project results will be put
6. Benefits to the school(s) or the district

The Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the extent to which the proposal:

1. Shows potential for improving instructional programs and strategies
2. Addresses a relevant educational problem, concern or issue
3. Is designed to minimize interruptions and demands upon the time of students and staff

The Superintendent or designee may approve the proposed project for a period of one school year or less. To extend any project into a second school year, the researcher(s) must obtain approval from the Superintendent or designee.

Researchers shall certify that they will use no school names in the publication of findings without the approval of the Superintendent or designee.

Research on students of this district beyond the conventional testing program (both district-wide and for the purposes of evaluation of the individual student) shall not be carried on except under at least the following circumstances.

1. The research design has been presented to and approved by the superintendent and/or designee.
2. All research instruments, including but not limited to questionnaires, surveys, and interview forms, have been submitted to and approved by the superintendent and/or designee.
3. Adequate care has been taken to protect individual students under policy and regulation 5125/5125.1 – Student Records; Confidentiality, and other provisions of law.

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4. A final copy of all research reports, theses, dissertations and/or surveys including analyses and conclusions, shall be presented to the superintendent and/or designee for the use of the district and the district shall have the right to utilize the research in the best interests of the children of the district.
5. The Governing Board shall have the right to refuse publication rights if the Board of Trustees, in its judgment, believes that the research was not carried out according to the highest standards of research, that the analysis and/or conclusion presents a biased or incorrect position, that the research was not carried out according to the approved research design, or that publication of the research study will present an immediate danger to the educational program.