

RELATIONS WITH EDUCATIONAL RESEARCHERS

The schools of the Waunakee Community School District wish to promote research; seeking the improvements of all phases of the learning process. Surveys, testing instruments, questionnaires, and interviews are all a part of the orderly process of research and problem-solving. It is the purpose of this guide to provide a procedure for meaningful research and problem-solving in District schools and to reduce the indiscriminate use of school time for projects which have little value to the learning process.

Teachers who use questionnaires and surveys as a regular part of the evaluation of their teaching effectiveness are encouraged to do so.

Class projects which involve the use of surveys, interviews, or questionnaires must be cleared with the principal before they may be used outside of the class involved.

Individual faculty members, including practice teachers and interns, who wish to use a survey instrument, interview process or a questionnaire to secure information for a graduate class project must first be given approval by the school principal before using the instrument with any group of students in the school.

Survey instruments or questionnaires designed by a department, team or committee to solicit information from students may be used after approval by the principal.

Survey instruments, questionnaires or research projects initiated by individuals, institutions, clubs or other agencies not a part of the Waunakee Community School District must be referred to the superintendent for approval prior to their use in any classroom.

The Waunakee Teacher's Association may conduct staff surveys as it relates to the function of the organization. However, all other staff surveys must receive prior approval of the principal before the survey or questionnaire is distributed within the school. Individual teachers who receive questionnaires, surveys or other research instruments, may deal with them as they deem most appropriate.

Legal Ref.: Sections 118.001 Wisconsin Statutes
120.13
Protection of Pupil Rights Provision of the General Education
Provision Act (20 USC 1232h)

Cross Ref.: 347-Rule (1), Student Record Procedures
526, Personnel Records
823, Access to Public Records
893-Rule, Guidelines for Research and Survey Projects

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