

Research Priorities for Cherokee County School District

The research priorities listed below are considered valued topics which, when considered for research, would benefit the district in planning for increased student achievement and success. Research projects that address a priority area will have a greater likelihood of approval than research areas that do not.

- **Rigorous and Relevant Instructional Strategies**

Research study areas/topics focused on innovative instructional strategies and practices that are most effective with students of different ages across all instructional subject areas and demographics.

- **Career, Technical and Agricultural Education**

Research topics that address rigorous academics with career and technical education would provide valuable data on developing programs of study that seek to bridge secondary and post-secondary systems. Research is needed to help High School students discover their interests and empower them to choose a pathway that can lead to success in college and career endeavors.

- **Technology and Digital Learning**

Research study topics focused on best practices for blended learning, STEM effective practice, and the impact of new, smart instructional technologies on student achievement. Research is needed to help educators make informed decisions about the learning potential of digital tools and the potential impact of enhanced personalized learning.

- **Specialized Learning Programs that support English Language Learners, Special Education Students and Social and Emotional Learning**

Research is needed to identify innovative and promising strategies and techniques that are the most effective with students served in ESOL or SPED programs. Research is also needed concerning the ways in which SEL strategies can help support achievement and assist in closing the equity gap for our students.