

RELATIONS WITH EDUCATION RESEARCH AGENCIES

The Board of Education recognizes that requests will be made on occasion by non-school personnel and/or agencies to conduct research projects in the schools that have educational and social benefit.

However, because such projects invariably involve school personnel and interrupt class instructional time, it is necessary to evaluate carefully the merits of each project before permission is granted. All requests to conduct research shall be reviewed by a research testing review committee in accordance with this policy and accompanying procedures to determine if permission shall be granted.

If research by non-school personnel is to involve students, complete information about the project shall be provided to parents and students in advance. No student shall be the subject of any research project without the prior written consent of the student's parents or guardian and the student himself if the student is old enough to understand the process and purpose of the project. Consent shall not be necessary when the researcher will merely observe students engaged in normal activities.

All researchers shall be prepared to explain the purpose, risks, benefits, procedures, results, and intended uses of the project in understandable terms. A student or parent's decision not to participate in a research project conducted by non-school personnel shall be kept private and respected in all cases.

Except as otherwise permitted by law, no student shall be required without prior written consent to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent/guardian.
2. Mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family.
3. Sex behavior or attitudes.
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior.
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the student has a close family relationship.
6. Legally-recognized privileged or analogous relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent/guardian.
8. 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, eligible student.

"Research or experimentation program or project" means a program or project designed to explore or develop new or unproven teaching methods or techniques.

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.

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