

The Watauga County Board of Education (the “board”) encourages agencies and individuals to conduct research on issues related to student achievement and the effective operation of the school system.

The superintendent may approve a request for participation in a research project if:

1. the research results ultimately may benefit students of the school system;
2. the project's purpose and methodology are compatible with the goals and objectives of the board and school system; and
3. the project will not disrupt instructional time.

The superintendent is encouraged to involve central office administrators, school administrators, teachers and parents in making this assessment. The superintendent may ask the Student Services Director to form a Research Evaluation Committee to review the request and make a recommendation.

A research project involving a survey of students must comply with policy 4720, Surveys of Students.

All research projects must comply with the confidentiality requirements of policy 4700, Student Records, and policy 4705/7825, Confidentiality of Personal Identifying Information.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-47, -230

Cross References: Student Records (policy 4700), Confidentiality of Personal Identifying Information (policy 4705/7825), Surveys of Students (policy 4720)

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Replaces: Board policy 5.08.80, Use of Students as Research Subjects by External Agencies or Individuals