



VCS Application to Conduct Research

Common Reasons for Application Rejection

1. Researcher submits application prior to receiving Dissertation Committee and/or IRB approval.
Institutions not required by federal regulations to have an IRB must obtain IRB approval from another agency prior to submitting application
2. Research has not obtained unconditional IRB approval
3. Researcher fails to submit Research Proposal
4. Researcher fails to submit requested documents and revisions
5. Research Design, Methods, or Methodology are not appropriate or ethical for a public K-12 education institution
6. Research interrupts instructional time, state testing, or places an undue burden on district resources (i.e., time, resources, or finances)
7. Research violates federal and/or state statutes and regulations (i.e., FERPA; Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97; Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 46; employee privacy regulation)
8. Research violates Volusia County School Board Rules or Volusia County School District Management Directives
9. Research is not aligned with Volusia County School District strategic plan goals and focus areas
10. Research requests census data (i.e., participants and/or information requested pertain to "all" students)
110. Research topic addresses controversial or sensitive subject.