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The Board of Education will cooperate, whenever appropriate and feasible, with organizations and individuals conducting bona fide educational research involving pupils enrolled in the schools of this district.

All educational research by persons other than district employees must be approved in advance by the Board. A written application for approval must state the purpose of the research, the specific ways in which pupils will be involved, the estimated duration of the project, the persons who will conduct the research project and their relevant affiliations, and any possible benefits to pupils or to the school district. Approval will be granted only to those projects that will serve the interests of pupils and the educational program; approval will not be granted to projects that will impede or significantly disrupt the instructional program approved by the Board.

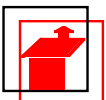
#### Student Data Collected For Research

Individual pupil responses to tests or questionnaires administered to secure statistical group, school or school system data useful in program improvement shall be anonymous and not made part of each student's record. If, in the opinion of the administration, topics to be so investigated are so sensitive as to constitute an invasion of privacy even under conditions of anonymity, individual consent should be required.

Parents or legal guardians will be informed of any educational research project that involves their children and may request the removal of their children from the project.

The conduct of research activities must rigorously protect pupils' privacy. Approved researchers may be given access to pupil records in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education and Board Policy No. 8330, but shall not abuse this privilege by using information in any way that may embarrass or harm individual pupils or their families. The Board must be satisfied that strict standards of anonymity and confidentiality will be observed.

The school system may have legal claim on all products created



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by its employees which in any way may be an outgrowth of their job responsibility. Therefore, all project reports must be submitted to the Superintendent for review.

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.5

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