

RANCHO SANTA FE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 5021: RESEARCH ON PUPILS

- A. No test, questionnaire, survey, or examination containing any questions about the pupil's personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality and religion, or any questions about his parents' or guardians' beliefs and practices in sex, family life, morality and religion, shall be administered to any pupil unless the parent/guardian of the pupil is notified in writing that such test, questionnaire survey, or examination is to be administered and the parent or guardian of the pupil gives written permission for the pupil to take such test, questionnaire, survey, or examination.

- B. Research on pupils of the District beyond the conventional testing program (both District-wide and for the purposes of evaluation of the individual student) shall not be carried on except under at least the following circumstances.
 - 1. The research design has been presented to and approved by the Superintendent.

 - 2. All research instruments, included but not limited to questionnaires, surveys and interview forms, have been submitted to and approved by the Superintendent.

 - 3. Adequate care has been taken to protect the privacy rights of individual pupils.

 - 4. A final copy of all research reports, theses, dissertations and/or surveys, including analyses and conclusions, shall be presented to the Superintendent for the use of the District, and that the District shall have the right to utilize the research in the best interests of the children of the District.

 - 5. The Board or the Superintendent shall have the right to refuse publication rights if the Board, in its judgment, believes that the research was not carried out according to the highest standards or research, that the analysis and/or conclusion presents a biased or incorrect position, that the research was not carried out according to the approved research design, or that publication of the research study will present an immediate danger to the educational program.

Legal Reference:

Education Code sections 35172(a), 49060-49078

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