

RESEARCH

The Board of Education recognizes the value of academic research to improve educational programs and practices. Researchers shall respect the privacy rights of students, including their right to refrain from participation in research projects in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee may authorize research projects within the district by outside groups or persons when such research is aligned with district goals and objectives and is likely to benefit the district without disrupting the school program.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

Research is often conducted by persons affiliated with institutions of higher education. To provide effective communications and to facilitate these studies by university staff and their students, the following guidelines shall be followed:

1. A brief description of the research design population, time commitment, instrumentation, treatment or methodology will be submitted to the Superintendent by the supervising university professor/researcher with enough lead time to allow administrative review and Board action.
2. The Board will be informed of the nature of all such proposed projects in open Board meeting.
3. Coincident with his review of the project, the Superintendent will circulate the proposal copy with an appropriate form to be initialed by each principal and classroom teacher involved with the research project.
4. Upon the approval of the principal(s) and teacher(s), the original project description and initialed form will be filed in the district office, and the supervising professor will be notified.
5. Those studies directly involving children may be conducted only with the written permission of their parents or guardians.
6. Upon completion of the study, or on an annual basis if lasting more than one year, an evaluation report will be submitted to the Superintendent who will disseminate pertinent information to the Board, the principals, teachers and community members interested in the project.
7. The Superintendent will be provided with a copy of the completed project in sufficient quantity to distribute to the Board and district office administrators.

RESEARCH (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive prior notification of any surveys or evaluations that collect personal student information and that consent is obtained in accordance with law.

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51513 Personal beliefs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232h Protection of student rights

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

USDOE, Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco/>