

Policy Code: 5230 Participation in Research Projects

The board encourages agencies and individuals to conduct research on issues related to the effective operation of schools and student performance. The school district may assist in research projects when the research results ultimately may benefit students.

The superintendent may approve a request for participation in a research project if the project's purpose and methodology are compatible with the goals and objectives of the board and school district and do not disrupt instructional time. The superintendent is encouraged to involve central office administrators, school administrators, teachers and parents in making this assessment. The superintendent will report on approved research projects at the next regularly-scheduled board meeting.

Any project involving the survey of students will be in compliance with applicable federal regulations. All internal and external research projects involving the use of students, personnel or material will comply with applicable administrative regulations.

Research which involves intrusion into the lives of students, parents or teachers or research which results in the identification of individuals must be approved by a Research Review Committee. Intrusion includes seeking information such as: sexual behavior and attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behaviors; critical appraisals of others with whom the respondents have close relationships; mental or psychological problems that might be potentially embarrassing; political or religious affiliations; or income.

Legal References: [20 U.S.C. 1232h](#); [G.S. 115C-47](#), [-230](#)

Cross References: Student Records (policy 4700)

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