

Instruction

Research

The Board of Education respects the value of academic research to improve educational programs and practices. The Board also recognizes its responsibility to protect students from outside influences that may contravene the District's goals and legal obligations. Researchers must respect the privacy rights of students, including their right to refrain from participation in research projects in accordance with the 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 normal school program or making undue demands upon staff time. Requests for information and demonstration of District programs should not limit staff members' ability to fulfill their regular duties.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive prior notification of any surveys or evaluations that collect personal information and that consent is obtained in accordance with law. No student shall participate in a research project without advance parental permission.

Legal Reference: Education Code, Sections 51513  
United States Code, Title 20: 1232h

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