

Relations with Education Research Agencies

The superintendent is authorized to cooperate with colleges, universities, or recognized research agencies in promoting and conducting useful research that involves Special School District. Decisions regarding research involving students or employees will be influenced by the following factors:

1. A review of the university's or the agency's report detailing its opinion of the appropriateness of the study and its policies regarding rights of human subjects.
2. The objectives of the research should be clearly stated and the design should use appropriate instruments and methods which will be made available to the District.
3. The research should be expected to contribute to the improvement of education or the general welfare of students.
4. Data derived from school records, interviews, or questionnaires which have potential for invasion of the privacy of students or their families may be gathered or used only with advance written authorization of parents or guardians even though the data are to be collected and reported under conditions of anonymity.
5. Research proposals should be of sufficient scope and depth to justify the time and effort of Special School District students and staff members.
6. In general, instructional activities will not be interrupted unless there is a clear significance for the educational program. If there is interruption in instructional activities, prior approval of the superintendent or designee is required.
7. Projects involving student researchers must have prior written approval by a faculty member of the institution in which the student is enrolled. This faculty member must have direct responsibility related to the student's research.
8. Requests for research should follow the submittal process on the district web-site.
9. All published research should include the statement that the conclusions reflected in this research do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the District.

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