

Surveys and Educational Research by Outside Entities

Educational Research Studies

Educational research studies, conducted by an educational organization or institution or an individual associated with an educational organization or institution, which involve students, staff members, and/or the use of facilities of the District may be permitted on a limited basis at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the District does not approve educational research studies on students unless otherwise required by law.

All requests for permission to conduct a study, either at the District level or within any school of the District, must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent or designee at least sixty (60) days prior to the requested date for initiating the study. The Superintendent or designee may waive this deadline for good cause shown.

1. Written proposals must state in specific terms the purpose of the study, the method of conducting the study, the number of students and/or staff members to be involved, the nature of the involvement, the approximate time necessary to conduct the study, and the planned use of the results of the study.
2. In the event that a questionnaire is proposed as part of the study, for distribution to either students or staff, a copy of the questionnaire must be submitted with the proposal.
3. In the event that an interview technique is to be used as a part of the study, a copy of the questions to be asked must be submitted with the proposal.
4. When an outside entity has been approved to conduct educational research involving District students, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified in advance and afforded the opportunity to request that their child not participate in a particular study .
5. All proposals must include a statement to the effect that neither the school District, an individual school of the District, nor an individual associated in any way with the District or an individual school of the District will be identified in any publication without prior permission of the individual and the Superintendent or designee.
6. When permission is granted for a study, it is with the understanding that a copy of the completed study will be submitted to the Superintendent or designee upon completion and prior to any publication.

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