

SURVEY AND RESEARCH PROJECTS AMONG STUDENTS

It is recognized that physical, educational and psychological testing of students can be beneficial in developing comprehensive student profiles that enable us to provide programs and curriculums to meet individual needs and to aid in the professional development of the staff. However, surveys, research, information gathering of any form by other than school officials among the student body is to be allowed only with the written permission of the Superintendent of Schools after approval by the Board of Education. Applications to conduct such activities must be secured through the Office of the Superintendent.

Research proposals must include an acceptable plan for sharing initial results with the District within three (3) months of the data collection. The District favors research proposals which include a copy of the research proposal, a statement of approval by a human subjects review committee, a plan for collaboration with school staff, and evidence of the researcher's qualifications, such as a list of publications.

The following information will be used to judge the validity of all applications:

1. Need for the activity.
2. Nature and scope of the activity.
3. List of all locations to be used for information gathering.
4. Specific times during which the activity will be conducted, specific people in charge of activity, and specific components of the activity.
5. Public and/or school interest to be served as a result of the activity, including a plan for collaboration with school staff and a plan for reporting results of the study to the District.
6. Safeguards to be employed to ensure student rights to privacy.
7. Scientific validity of activity results.

Student participation will take place only after written consent of the student's parent or legal guardian is secured. The consent form must include a full explanation concerning the intent, purpose, and use of the data collection.

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