

LC—Relations with Education Research Agencies

The Administrator is authorized to cooperate with colleges, universities, and other recognized research agencies in promoting potentially useful research. Because of the requirements in the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (20 U.S.C. 1232h) it may be necessary to limit the number and establish guidelines for the approval of studies.

In general, instructional activities will not be interrupted unless there is a clear significance for the educational program of the School.

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.

Research proposals should be of sufficient scope and depth to justify the time and effort.

Approval Criteria

Decisions in connection with research involving students, teachers, or other employees will be influenced by the following factors:

- The objectives of the research should be clearly stated and the design should produce valid and reliable results that will then be made available to the School.
- The research should be expected to contribute to the improvement of education or the general welfare of students.
- Data derived from school records, interviews, surveys or questionnaires that have potential for invasion of the privacy of students or their families must have advance written authorization of parents or guardians even though the collecting and reporting of data are to be conducted under conditions of anonymity.

Activities Requiring Direct Annual Notification

The following activities require direct annual notification to parents at the beginning of the school year of the specific or approximate dates when scheduled, if scheduled in accordance with the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment:

- Activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information (or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose).
- The administration of any survey containing one or more items described below:
 - Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent.

- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family.
- Sex behavior or attitudes.
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships.
- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parent.
- Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).
- Any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is:
 - Required as a condition of attendance;
 - Administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance; and
 - Not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students.

Reference: 20 U.S.C. 1232h