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The Board recognizes the value of educational research conducted by staff members. However, all research studies carried out within the school system using District or school data of any kind or staff or students as subjects must be approved, in advance, by the Superintendent, or designee. Only those studies which have value to the School District shall be approved.

The Superintendent or designee shall keep a file on topics needing study that shall be shared with staff members at their request.

When human subjects are involved in research, there shall be adequate protection of their rights and welfare. The individual shall be subjected to no serious risk. Parents of students who are subjects of research or adults, if they are the subjects, shall be provided an explanation of procedures and their purposes, a description of any possible risks and any benefits to be reasonably expected, an offer to respond to inquiries on procedures, and instruction on the right to refuse to participate or to discontinue participation at any time without prejudice.

Federally-Funded Research or Experimentation Programs or Projects

To the extent required by Title 20 United States Code, Section 1232h, no student, as part of any applicable federally-funded program, shall be required without prior written consent of the parent or guardian, to submit to a survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information concerning:

1. Political affiliations;
2. Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student or her/his family;
3. Sex behavior and attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally-recognized privileged and analogous relationships such as those of lawyers,

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physicians and ministers;

7. Income other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.

Participation in such research or experimentation programs shall require the prior written consent of the parent or emancipated minor.

All instructional and supplementary materials used in connection with any research or experimentation program or project shall be available for review by the parents of students involved in the project.

LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. §1232h
C.R.S. 22-1-123

CROSS REFS.: JLDAC, Screening/Testing of Students