

**Professional Research
In The Schools**

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The Superintendent shall establish administrative regulations to be used in considering requests to conduct research in the schools.

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All requests to perform external research projects (e.g. doctoral studies) must be submitted in writing to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction. The request should describe the purpose for the study, who would be involved from the district, time of year when study would commence, and any other details that would help to evaluate the appropriateness of such research in the schools. The Superintendent must review and approve all requests to conduct research in the schools. When a research project involves the participation of staff, the building principal should consult with them and approve the research prior to submitting the request to the Assistant Superintendent.

Copies of any letters to students, parents and principals along with copies of the instrument(s) to be used in the study must also be submitted to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction prior to final approval. If the study is part of a doctoral dissertation, university letterhead should be used.

The confidentiality of students and parents must be protected. Parental approval is required for involvement of any child. Names of individuals may not be cited by the researcher or others involved in the study. The district has sole discretion for granting permission for a study to be conducted in the schools.

Criteria used in granting permission to conduct studies in the schools:

1. All studies should be of benefit or value to the district.
2. Preference will be given to members of our own staff and local cooperating agencies.
3. The district will not bear any costs related to the study.
4. The research takes cognizance of the pressures upon the regular instructional programs.

If approval is granted by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, the researcher agrees to keep the building principal informed of the progress of the study in the principal's building.

A copy of the final report must be submitted to the Superintendent and Building Principal within thirty (30) days of completion.

Regulations

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