

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

August 27, 2024

SUBJECT:

Policy LC Relations With Education Research Agencies, Second Reading

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The District works collaboratively with colleges and universities, district employees, and other external agencies in supporting educational research. In the past, school administrators facilitated the relationship with these entities. The Office of Accountability and Assessment is now tasked with the responsibility of facilitating the collaboration of education research agencies who wish to conduct research in the District.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The revisions to Policy LC Relations With Education Research Agencies delineates the department or office responsible for facilitating the collaboration with educational agencies and identifies the practices in support of the educational research.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the following policy.

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ATTACHMENT:

Policy LC Relations With Education Research Agencies

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## RELATIONS WITH EDUCATION RESEARCH AGENCIES

Code **LC**

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision and the District process for those wishing to conduct research affiliated with the District. ~~relations with education research agencies.~~

It is the policy of the schools of the district to ~~cooperate as far as possible with~~ support the colleges, universities, ~~district employees conducting action research or research related to doctoral program requirements and other external agencies in promoting potentially profitable research supporting meaningful educational research that will contribute to new knowledge about teaching and learning to improve educational practice.~~

~~Because~~Due to ~~of the very~~ large number of requests to ~~make questionnaire and interview studies~~conduct research in our schools, the district has established ~~definite~~ the following criteria for such studies: ~~and~~

~~d~~Decisions in connection with research involving external researchers, students, teachers, ~~or~~ other employees ~~or entities~~: ~~will be based on the following.~~

- The District is committed to upholding the highest standards in educational research, including full compliance with ethical and legal codes of conduct involving human subjects.
- In general, it is board policy to refrain from interrupting the work of students, teachers and administrators to the extent possible.
- All parties interested in conducting research must have district level approval with the exception of students enrolled in District. In the case of student projects, the student(s) must obtain prior written approval by a faculty member who will have oversight responsibility related to the student's project.
- Any individuals or parties interested in conducting research affiliated with the District including in any school or classroom, must review the guidelines which outlines the approval and application process.
- All projects should have district level approval. All interested parties should complete the Application to Conduct Research in District and submit to Office of Accountability and Assessment allowing up to four weeks for review.
- Any approval will be made consistent with Federal and State law and maintain student confidentiality.
- ~~The project should be so designed that it can be expected to produce valid and reliable results.~~
- ~~The project should be expected to contribute something useful and of value for the improvement of education.~~
- ~~Questionnaires and interview questions must be submitted in advance to the superintendent's cabinet and must not include items which invade the area of personal rights or which raise questions of a personal nature relative to status, race, creed or color.~~

- ~~Outlines must be submitted and should be of sufficient scope and depth to justify the time and effort to be consumed.~~
- ~~In general, it is board policy not to interrupt the work of students or teachers unless there seems to be real potential in the study.~~
- ~~In the case of student projects, the student(s) must obtain prior written approval by a faculty member who will have some responsibility related to the student's project.~~

Adopted 7/26/76; Revised 2/26/02, 8/13/24

Legal References:

A. United States Code of Laws, as amended:

1. Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) of 1978, 20 U.S.C.A. Section 1232h.
2. Section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended - The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act [20 U.S.C. 1232 (g)]