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## RESEARCH AND OTHER PROJECTS IN THE SCHOOLS

### Background

The District recognizes the role of valid research and other projects in the development of educational theories and practices and acknowledges the need of researchers to work within the schools.

Before research and other projects are considered for approval by the Superintendent, they must be sponsored and supervised by a recognized post-secondary educational institution or recognized research institute, or by a level of government or must be a component of approved research by District personnel.

Research projects must have the support of a Human Ethics Committees or of committees with similar responsibilities at the respective institutions.

Consideration will also be given to the number of research and other projects that are underway in the District at a given time.

### Procedures

1. The Principal Researcher or Project Director must present a detailed proposal of the study/project to the Superintendent for approval.
2. The Principal of each school contacted must give approval to the project.
3. Teachers in the project must be consulted.
4. The Principal and staffs involved in specific projects must be made aware of the amount of students' and teachers' time required to complete the project.
5. Parents are to be informed of the nature of the project and, where applicable have an opportunity to respond where appropriate.
6. Parent/guardian approval, through a signed release (Form 290-1), must be obtained before any student may participate.
7. All students, teachers, classes, and schools involved in a research study project must be assured of anonymity during the study and in the published data and the interpretation of the data.
8. A copy of the results of the completed study or a report of a project must be presented to the District.

## Administrative Procedure 290

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Reference: Sections 22, 65, 85 School Act  
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

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