

RESEARCH WITHIN THE DISTRICT

The district recognizes the potential value of academic research within the district utilizing district facilities and involving district staff and students. The Board also recognizes a professional opportunity to assist individuals working on advanced degrees to improve educational programs and practices. Preference for conducting research studies within the district shall be accorded to district employees (certificated and classified) who are working on advanced degrees related to their position assignment. It is also understood, however, that in allowing and encouraging research, the Board has an obligation to protect students, staff members, and parents/patrons and to avoid unnecessary distraction from the district's educational goals and legal obligations. Researchers must respect the privacy rights of students, including their right to refrain from participation in research projects.

The Superintendent or designee may authorize research projects within the district by outside groups or persons when such research coincides with district goals and is likely to benefit the district without disrupting the normal school program or making undue demands upon staff time. Requests for information and demonstration of district programs should not limit staff members' ability to fulfill their regular duties.

The Superintendent is responsible for developing procedures to implement this policy.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
51513 Personal beliefs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232h Protection of pupil rights

Management Resources:

WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
USDOE, Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco/>