

Instructional Research

The district will encourage and participate in research and experimentation for the development and improvement of education. Request for approved research projects may be submitted in accordance with administrative procedures. Permission for research projects in the district will be based on the following considerations:

1. Time, resources, and energies of district personnel who may be involved in the project;
2. Value of results of such project to educational goals in general and those of the district in particular;
3. Needs of the district, particularly in areas of learning, instruction, leadership, and school facilities;
4. Degree to which such project would interfere with normal classroom operations.

As a general rule in approved research projects, student or teacher participation will be voluntary, and precautions will be taken to ensure the rights of the participants. In certain district-initiated studies, full participation may be necessary and cooperation of all district personnel will be requested. However, in all areas of research, the confidentiality of all data will be carefully maintained. Any changes in research design, survey instruments, tests or questionnaires or the subjects of the research will be approved by the school district administration prior to the changes being made.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.675 - 329.745](#)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2006); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2006).

Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2006); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2006).