

# Eugene School District 4J

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## Research

### Policy and Criteria

It shall be the policy of School District 4J to encourage and participate in research and experimentation for the development and improvement of education. Requests for research projects from agencies or individuals outside the district or from staff members within the district shall be submitted to the instruction department. Permission or denial to conduct such studies will be granted by the instruction department at the advice and consent of the Research Review Committee.

The following criteria shall be used in considering each request:

1. The privacy and dignity of all individuals (that is, student, teacher, principal, or parent) must be assured in any study;
2. Each project must comply with federal and state laws;
3. The study must not be detrimental, either physically or psychologically, to any of the participants;
4. The study must contain full disclosure of the treatment to which the participants will be subjected;
5. Preference will be given to studies that have direct application to the educational program or decision-making process of District 4J;
6. All studies must be designed to pose a question and present a tenable solution;
7. A balance will be maintained to assure that individuals (students or teachers) participate in a limited number of studies in any given year.

### Participation, Out-of-District and/or Advanced Degree Studies

In any research project that originates outside the district, the participation of licensed, classified, administrative employees, and students shall be voluntary.

### Participation, Within-District Administrative Studies

In administrative center initiated studies, full staff participation may be necessary and cooperation of all district personnel may be required.

### Teacher Experimentation

Teachers shall be encouraged to participate in research and experimentation in the interests of the development and improvement of education. If a teacher plans to engage in a research project for use in classroom instruction, details shall be made known to and approved by the building principal. If such a study results in material which would be useful to other teachers, it is recommended that it be made available for distribution throughout the district. (See board policy GCQBA - Copyrights and Patents).

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.675 - 329.745](#)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99 (2000).  
Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98 (2000).