

**North Wasco County  
School District 21**

Code: **IFA**  
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Orig. Code(s): IFA

**Educational Research**

The district shall encourage and participate in research and experimentation for the development and improvement of education. Requests for research projects may be submitted from agencies or individuals outside the district or from staff members within the district.

For projects originating outside the district, priority for consideration will be given to advanced graduate students, all other elements being equal. Permission to conduct such studies will be granted by the superintendent, 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.

In any research project, student or teacher participation shall be voluntary and precautions shall be taken to ensure that parents are notified of the rights of 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 shall be carefully maintained.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 329.704](#)  
[ORS 329.788](#)

[ORS 330.080](#)  
[ORS 330.083](#)

[ORS 330.115](#)

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

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