

## Research And Data Requests

The Governing Board recognizes the value of academic research to improve educational program and practices, and encourages appropriate requests to conduct research and/or gather educational data with the following stipulations.

All information pertaining to students, employees, policies or practices of the district is considered to be held in trust for these individuals and the community. The utilization of these data by any individuals or organizations is to be allowed only when the utilization of these data is deemed to be beneficial to the district, its students, its personnel or to add to the body of knowledge concerning education.

The Superintendent or the Office of Research, Evaluation and Assessment (REA) may authorize research projects within the district by third party groups or persons when such research is aligned with district goals and objectives and is likely to benefit the district without disrupting the school program. Requests to conduct research projects or collect information utilizing data relative to students, employees, policies or practices of the district by any person, organization, agency or educational institution shall be submitted in writing to REA, which will approve or deny the request based on current law, policies and practices relating to the desirability of conducting the research.

Researchers and data requesters conducting approved projects shall respect the privacy rights of students, including their right to refrain from participation in research projects in accordance with law, Board Policy and administrative regulation. Researchers, monitored by REA, shall ensure that parents/guardians receive prior notification of any surveys or evaluations that collect personal student identification and that consent is obtained in accordance with Education Code 51513 and 20 USC 1232h, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110).

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/fpc/>

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