

The District supports and welcomes researchers and organizations whose studies and evaluations might benefit the District and education in general. However, it is incumbent upon the District to ensure that research studies, evaluations, interventions, surveys, and data releases comply with state and federal law and regulations and do not interfere with instruction or require excessive student or staff time.

All data requests or proposals to conduct research studies or evaluations shall be submitted for approval to the District's Research Review Committee (RRC). Proposals shall be reviewed for their impact on and benefit to the District as well as their compliance with regulations concerned with student records, privacy, and participation in research studies. With the exception of district officials who are determined to have legitimate educational interests, no one may conduct research in the District or receive personally identifiable information without a current, RRC approved proposal and signed agreement.

The Superintendent and his designee shall be authorized to enter into written agreements with individuals and entities to execute approved proposals in accordance with the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA), the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), and federal regulations.

The Superintendent shall establish Administrative Regulations to implement this policy in accordance with state and federal law and regulations.

**Legal Reference:** 20 U.S.C. §§ 1232g-1232h; 34 CFR §§ 98-99.

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