

Students

Research in the Schools By External Interests

The Board recognizes the importance of research and surveys as means of improving the instructional program for the district's students and also recognizes the need to monitor and control the amount of time and energy expended by both staff and students on research projects sponsored by agencies and individuals from outside the district. Therefore, external agencies or individuals desiring to conduct research studies or surveys involving either students or staff members during the school day must submit a written prospectus to the Superintendent or his/her designee, for approval prior to initiation of the study. To be approved, all such research proposals or surveys must demonstrate that the projected findings will have value to either the district as a whole or to a unit within the district, and not be unduly disruptive or time consuming of the normal educational process. If approved, parental consent must be given in writing through use of a consent form. There can be no "presumed consent" if a written affirmative response is not given by a parent.

The Connecticut State Department of Education and state agencies are exempt from the provision of this policy.