

Relations with Education Research Agencies

The BOCES recognizes that requests will be made on occasion by non-BOCES personnel and/or agencies to conduct research projects in the BOCES school(s) or educational programs that have educational and social benefit.

However, because such projects invariably involve BOCES personnel and interrupt instructional time, it is necessary to evaluate carefully the merits of each project before permission is granted.

All requests to conduct research shall be reviewed by a research testing review committee in accordance with this policy and accompanying regulation to determine if permission shall be granted.

If research by non-BOCES personnel is to involve students, complete information about the project shall be provided to parents/guardians and students in advance. No student shall be the subject of any research project without the prior written consent of the student's parents/guardians and the student himself if the student is old enough to understand the process and purpose of the project. Consent shall not be necessary when the researcher merely will observe students engaged in normal activities.

All researchers shall be prepared to explain the purpose, risks, benefits, procedures, results and intended uses of the project in understandable terms. A student or parent/guardian decision not to participate in a research project conducted by non-BOCES personnel shall be kept private and respected in all cases.

Any survey, analysis or evaluation of students shall be consistent with BOCES policy and applicable law.

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