

**District:** Tupelo Public School District  
**Section:** M - Education Agency Relations  
**Policy Code:** MGA - Relations with Education Research Agencies

## EDUCATION AGENCY RELATIONS

1. The superintendent is authorized to cooperate **as far as possible** ~~to the extent reasonable~~ with the colleges, universities and other service/ ~~or~~ research agencies in promoting potentially useful research. ~~However, B~~ **because of the large number of requests for studies in the District's schools,** such research projects invariably involve district personnel and tend to take students off task; it ~~is~~ **will be necessary to limit the number and establish guidelines for the approval of studies.** ~~that each request for permission to conduct a research project be carefully evaluated prior to granting permission. All requests to conduct such research will be reviewed by the superintendent, or designee, to determine if permission will be granted to conduct the research. Researchers will provide the purpose, benefits, procedures, results, and intended uses of the project in a written format.~~

~~If research is to involve students, complete information about the project will be provided to parents and students in advance. No student will be subject to any research project without the prior written consent of the parent or guardian of the student. A decision by the parents or guardians of a student not to participate in a research project will be kept confidential and respected in all cases. Consent will not be required when the research will observe students engaged in a regular school activity. It will be the responsibility of the building principal to insure that each student involved in a research project have on file a written consent form signed by the student's parents prior to participation in a research project.~~

~~The superintendent, or designee, will evaluate the merits of a written research proposal based upon the following factors:-~~

**2. Decisions in connection with research involving students, teachers, or other employees will be influenced by the following factors:**

A. The objective of the research **should be** ~~shall~~ clearly stated and the design **should** ~~shall~~ produce valid and reliable results **which** ~~that~~ will **then** be made available to the **D**istrict.

B. ~~The results of the research~~ should be expected to contribute to the improvement of education and the general welfare of **children** ~~students~~.

C. Data derived from school records, interviews, or questionnaires **must be collected and reported in compliance with state and federal regulations regarding the privacy of students, parents, and families.** ~~which have the potential for invasion of privacy of students, staff or their families must have prior written authorization of parents or guardians even though the data are to be collected and reported under conditions of anonymity.~~

D. Instructional activities will not be interrupted unless there is a clear significance for the educational program of the **D**istrict.

**3. Projects involving student researchers must have prior written** ~~written prior~~ approval by **the student's teacher and building principal.** ~~a faculty member of the institution in which the student is enrolled. This teacher faculty member must have direct responsibility related to the student's research. research project to be conducted by the student.~~

4. Any research agency wishing to conduct research in the District must enter into a written agreement with the District.

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