

1 **Browning Public Schools**

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3 **Policy #4240**

4 Policy Name: Research Studies

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7 The District recognizes the value of participation educational research. Studies using observation,  
8 surveys, and experimentation can aid in the improvement of the instructional program in the school  
9 system, as well as growth in the profession and growth for individual teachers and researchers.

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11 Simultaneously, the District recognizes that the amount of time available for student learning is  
12 limited and must be handled carefully. It is, therefore, important that only those research studies,  
13 which are of the greatest value to the District, will be considered to be conducted in the school  
14 system.

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16 All research proposals from outside sources will be submitted in prospective form, with the  
17 instruments attached, to the Superintendent at least three (3) weeks prior to the date on which the  
18 research study is to be conducted. The prospectus will include the researcher’s name, address and  
19 phone number, as well as a description of the purpose of the study, the procedures to be used, the  
20 treatment of the data and the distribution of the study. The Superintendent will approve or  
21 disapprove all research studies. Approval will be based on educational significance, project design,  
22 and potential disruption to the regular school process. The primary criteria in approving research  
23 studies will be the value to the District. A final copy of the study will be provided free of charge to  
24 the District.

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26 No test, questionnaire, survey, or enumeration containing questions about a pupil’s or his parent’s  
27 personal beliefs, practices in sex, family life, morality and religion will be administered without  
28 Board approval and notice to parent or guardian regarding the option of student’s participation.

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36 **Cross Reference:** #4030 Student/Program Evaluation, Testing and Data Generated

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38 **Legal Reference:** 20-2-121 MCA Board of Public Education – Powers and Duties

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41 **Policy History:**

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